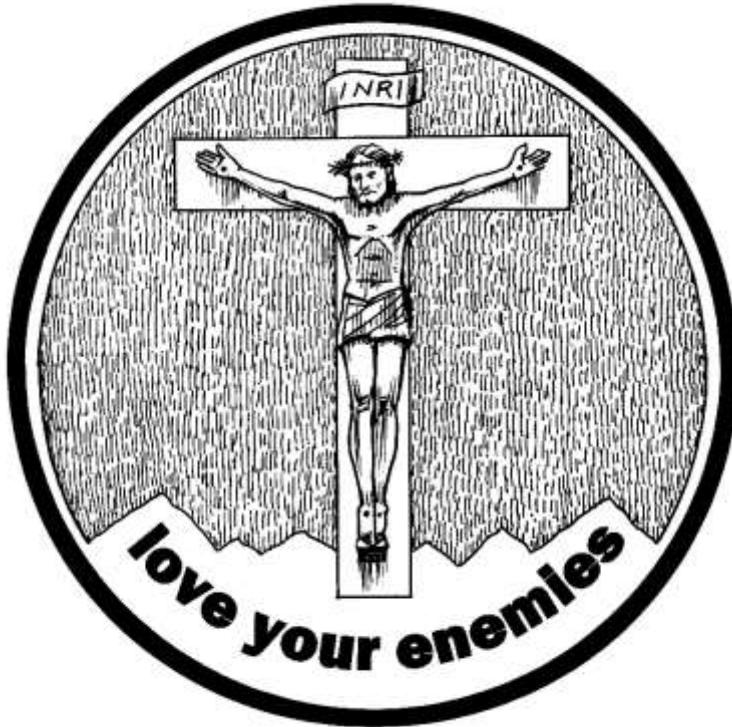


GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019

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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church? According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

Following along with the Service: At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says, "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 203. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Notes

Luke 6:27-38

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

Probably the most-quoted but least-loved words of Jesus.

"Love your enemies" always sounds good in theory, until your enemy is pointing a gun at you or spreading rumors behind your back or trying to get you fired. This kind of mercy is hard, and probably seems foolhardy. Why would you offer your tunic to someone who already stole your cloak?

But divine mercy always looks foolish. When they struck our Lord's cheek, He offered them His back as well.

He died for those who hurt him the most,
us.

COLLECT

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED

Nicene Creed – page 206

SERMON HYMN #843 – *“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #483 – *“With High Delight Let Us Unite”*

Hymn #845 – *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

Hymn #562 – *“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”*

Hymn #636 – *“Soul, Adorn Yourself with gladness”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened

With heav’nly food, while here

My course on earth is lengthened,

To serve with holy fear.

And when You call my spirit

To leave this world below,

I enter, through Your merit,

Where joys unmingled flow.

NUNC DIMITTIS – page 211

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION – page 212

CLOSING HYMN #706 – *“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”*



Lent

The Forty days before Easter

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services Schedule:

Ash Wednesday - March 6th

Morning Imposition of ashes: 11:15 am; Service 11:30 am

Evening Imposition of ashes: 6:45 pm; Service 7:00 pm

Lenten Services: March 13th – April 10th

Morning Services – 11:30 am

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

Lenten Meals:

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service ***beginning March 6th***

Lenten Dinners - Served every Wednesday evening prior to the Mid-Week Lenten Services, beginning at 6:00 pm. The following groups will be providing the meals:

Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:

March 6th – Elders - Tacos

March 13th – Council – Pulled pork sandwiches, Salads

March 20th – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Bake Potatoes/Fixins

March 27th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

April 3rd – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and breads

April 10th – Young Adults – Homemade Soups



Easter

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 18th and 19th at 7:00 pm. We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service on Saturday April 20th at 7:00 pm and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 21st. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flower Chart: The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located *in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink*. To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday.* Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. ***The 2019 Flower chart is now available for you to sign up for Flowers. The following people have signed up through March:***

March 3rd – David & Naomi Teske
March 10th – Carla Claussen
March 17th – Josh & Alisha Christian
March 24th – Nora Bell
March 31st - Open

David & Louis Werts gave Altar flowers today in loving memory of David's Father.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class at 10:30.

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for Grace International Lutheran, worshiping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

New Church Photo Directory: We are doing a new church photo directory in 2019! Signup sheets are now available in the Narthex. More dates have been added. Please sign up for your photo time! Walk-ins are welcome too!

Year End Tithing Statements are ready along with the Time & Talent Sheets. Tithing statements that were not picked up have been emailed or mailed. Time and Talent sheets need to be completed by **TODAY! February 24th Thank You!**

Everyone Welcome! Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth - 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday March 11th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: The Compassion Circle will be meeting on **Monday, March 11th** at 1:00 with a devotion, dessert, meeting, and fellowship.

Quilting: March dates will be the 5th and the 19th. We start at 9:00am. Please bring your lunch, if you plan to stay into the afternoon. We would love to see a few more willing hands doing some of God's work for the unfortunate. As we say, "It is better to give than to receive". We will receive our rewards in heaven!!

New Church Email for President: At the January Council meeting there was a motion to create a council President email address - president@gloryofchrist.org. for use by the sitting president. Should you need to email our new church president, Josh Christian, you may use this email. Thank You.

New Email for Sunday School Superintendents: Should you need to email any of the Sunday School Superintendents, please use SundaySchool@gloryofchrist.org as the email address. Thank You.

Gloria Christi Music Camp: SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the 2019 Gloria Christi Music Camp: July 15 - 19. Details to follow.

GoC Red Cross Blood drive: Glory of Christ is once again hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday March 19th from 1:00-7:00 pm. Sign up information will be forthcoming. Thank You!

Missions Fest – Save the Date! Missions Fest will be held on Saturday May 18th. Please place this on your Calendar. The theme this year is Medieval Times and the Renaissance. More information regarding times to follow. Please join us for fun and festivities!



Looking for an easy way to support Lutheran education? GOC is now collecting Box Tops for Education. These small rectangles are each worth 10 cents and can be found on tons of General Mills products—everything from Kleenex to dishwasher tabs to cereal. Simply clip and drop into the jar in the narthex to help support St. John's Lutheran School.



Bach's St. John Passion

in collaboration with Choral Arts Ensemble

Bach Society of Minnesota will collaborate with Rochester-based Choral Arts Ensemble performing Bach's St. John Passion, the story of Jesus crucifixion. Bach's fast-paced, dramatic Passion According to John was created for his first Holy Week as cantor in Leipzig. He returned to this masterpiece with revisions in 1725, 1732, and 1749, making the St John Bach's first and last Passion.

Friday, March 15 @ 7:30 pm Hamline University; Sundin Music Hall, 1536 Hewitt Avenue St. Paul, MN

Fun Glory of Christ Event! We are looking to have an outing for Glory of Christ members to attend **Bach's Passion concert on Friday March 15th**. We will board a bus here at church around 5:00 pm, go to dinner at 7th Street Social in St. Paul at 6:00 pm, and then attend the concert at 7:30. We will be brought back to church by the bus right after the concert. Reverend Resch can get us a group discount on tickets for \$10.00 a piece! (regularly \$25). Brenda is looking into the bus rental, but it should be between \$10-\$15 a person and then, dinner is on your own. This may be a collaborative outing with members from St. John's as well. More to come on that! If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

We will need to firm up our numbers and order the concert tickets by March 1st. Thank You!



2019 Congress on the Lutheran Confessions

The topic of the Congress on the Lutheran Confessions this year is: *Antinomianism New & Old: The Return of Seminex Theology in Light of the Lutheran Confessions*

The Congress will be held at the Crowne Plaza Aire in Bloomington, MN again this year May 8-10, 2019.

The topics for the Congress this year are:

1. The Third Use of the Law
2. The Negation of the Atonement
3. Gerhard Forde and the Theology of Radical Lutheranism
4. Hermeneutics and Textual Criticism
5. The Death of the Word of God
6. Pastoral Practice Aberrations
7. Preaching Antinomianism
8. Gender Theology and the Splitting of the ELCA
9. Drums, Saxophones & Bouncing Balls
10. Trinity and the Amoral God
11. Surviving the Storms

More information on the speakers and registration will be provided when it becomes available.