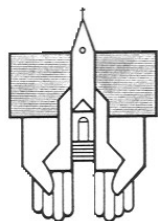


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 16 December 2018
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
GAUDETE

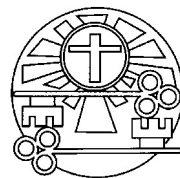
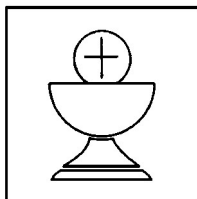
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Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament. **For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.**



WELCOME! We invite all visitors to sign the guest register in the narthex and worship with us again. If you are not a first time visitor and are not communing, please complete the card located with communion cards in front of the pews. If you have questions about how to join our church or study the Scriptures with us, please speak with one of our Elders or the Pastor.

Each Saturday evening from 6-8PM Pastor Rappe avails himself for private confession and absolution, that which the historical Lutheran Church refers to as the third Sacrament. This is made available to those whose consciences are burdened and whose hearts are troubled. No one is forced to make private confession, as no one is forced to Baptism or the Holy Supper. Rather, this is the means of God's gospel to those who seek Him and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus.



OLD TESTAMENT

"Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord, whom you seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple,
Even the Messenger of the covenant,
In whom you delight.
Behold, He is coming,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

"But who can endure the day of His coming?
And who can stand when He appears?
For He is like a refiner's fire
And like launderers' soap.
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;
He will purify the sons of Levi,
And purge them as gold and silver,
That they may offer to the LORD
An offering in righteousness.

"Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
Will be pleasant to the LORD,
As in the days of old,
As in former years.
And I will come near you for judgment;
I will be a swift witness
Against sorcerers,
Against adulterers,
Against perjurers,
Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans,
And against those who turn away an alien—
Because they do not fear Me,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

"For I am the LORD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

EPISTLE

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Holy Gospel on reverse side

MALACHI 3:1-6

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:1-11

Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written:

‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.’

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Worship Bulletin
For
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (16 December)

10:30AM Devine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Tues. (18 December)

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (19 December)

7:00PM Sunday School Christmas Program

Sat. (22 December)

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (23 December)

9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30AM Devine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Cheryl Snook
Acolyte: Ryan Mathlin

Serving Wednesday

Altar Guild: Cheryl Snook
Acolyte: Ryan Mathlin

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Julie Thayer
Acolyte: Paden Boileau

While the psalmist urges us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord", he did NOT mean cell phone ringtones, children's noisy toys or other modern electronic marvels. Rather, these should be SILENT while we lift our voices and hearts in worship through song and prayer to our Lord. Please see that all cell phones, toys and anything else that might disrupt our worship are turned off.

PLEASE COMPLETE A COMMUNION CARD. Fill in the names of only those who are communing and hand it to the usher as you proceed to the altar.

NURSERY ROOM is available for children under 5 years of age who are having difficulty the service. There is also a rocking chair in the room. The room also has speakers in it to hear the service.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance December 5.....59
Attendance December 9.....54
General Fund Income.....\$4297.00
Altar Guild\$36.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$300.00

The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$3997 to sustain it.

Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

16 Dec. - Psalm 15 & Isaiah 22-24
17 Dec. - Psalm 16 & Isaiah 25-27
18 Dec. - Psalm 17 & Isaiah 28-30
19 Dec. - Psalm 18 & Isaiah 31-33
20 Dec. - Psalm 19 & Isaiah 34-36
21 Dec. - Psalm 20 & Isaiah 37-39
22 Dec. - Psalm 21 & Isaiah 40-42



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Steve & Sandy Cage in celebration of Sandy's birthday and by Dick & Chucki Davis in celebration of their daughter Jessica's birthday.



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays This Week

Sandy Cage 12/18
Mindy Steffen 12/21



Wedding Anniversaries this week

Randy & Kim Steffen 12/20
John & Lori Hill 12/22

If we have missed anyone's birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Church Council Meeting Minutes from last Sunday's meeting are posted in the church hallway for the congregation to review.

If you are a visitor we welcome you to Our Redeemer. Please sign the guest book located in the church narthex. Thank you.

Church Budget Meeting



Voters Assembly Meeting Sunday, January 20th right after worship service. We will be voting on the church budget and we will have election of the church officers that will be serving on the church council for next year. If you would like to serve on the church council, please see Ken Tucker council chairman. All voting members are urged to attend this meeting. We have to have a quorum.

Altar Flower Chart for 2019 is hanging up in the church hallway. Please honor a loved on, remember and important event or celebrate and event by signing up to sponsor flowers. The price for altar flowers are \$40.00/ Sunday.



Poinsettias: Please sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia. The cost for a large Poinsettia is \$16.00 and for a small one it is \$6.00. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Day Service. The sign up sheet is hanging up in church hallway. Payment envelopes are provided

Offering Envelopes for 2019: If you had 2018 offering envelopes, you will automatically be assigned envelopes for 2019. If you did not have envelopes and would like a box, please notify Cheryl Snook the church/financial secretary.



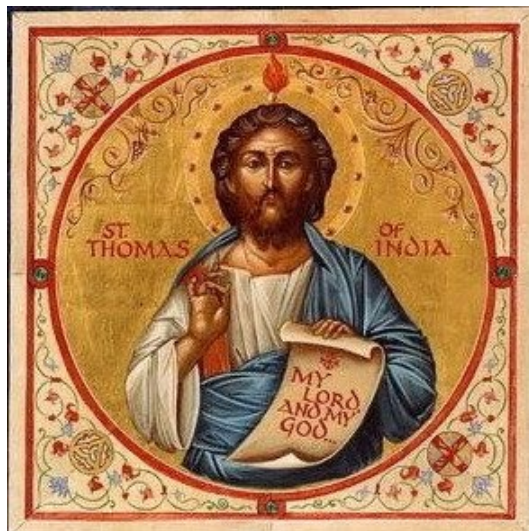
Donations Are Needed to help pay for the renovation of the parish hall. If you would like to donate, please put on the memo of your check (renovations). Envelopes are also available to put your donations in. They are located on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your donation.

New Newsletter From Pastor Roger James and wife Amy is posted in the church hallway. Our Redeemer supports Pastor James and Amy's missionary work in Sri Lanka.



Thank You From LWML for all those that donated toys and gift cards to the children in foster care. It is greatly appreciated.

New E-Mail From Alexandria Rappe is posted in church hallway. Please read it.



Please Join Us:

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE—DECEMBER 21 Thomas, called Didymus (Thomas is Aramaic for “twin” Didymus is the Greek for “twin”), is referred to four times in the New Testament. The biographical information from the Fourth Gospel presents Thomas as slow to understand. But for all his doubt, it is Thomas who makes the confession which is the climax of John’s gospel. Legend associates Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude, the five “Apostles of the East,” and tells of Thomas’s missionary journey to India and his martyrdom at Madras. The Roman calendar has moved St. Thomas’s Day to July 3 to get it out of Advent; the new Episcopal calendar retains the tradition date, December 21st.

Sunday School Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM, Dec. 19
After program join us in the parish hall for Christmas caroling and cookies. Please bring cookies to share.

Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 PM
Christmas Day Service @ 10:30 AM