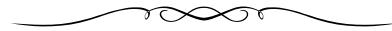




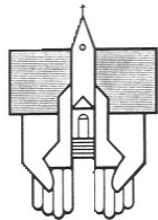
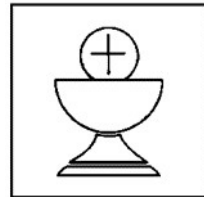
OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 23 December 2018
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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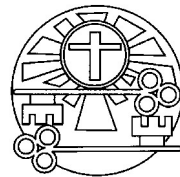


Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the 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

Comfort, yes, comfort My people!"
Says your God.
"Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,
That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned;
For she has received from the LORD's hand
Double for all her sins."
The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;
The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
The voice said, "Cry out!"
And he said, "What shall I cry?"
"All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

EPISTLE

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel on reverse side.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:19-28

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?”

He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

And he answered, “No.”

Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

He said: “I am

‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Make straight the way of the LORD,””

as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.”

These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Worship Bulletin
For
December 23, 2018
The Fourth Sunday In Advent
Rorate Coeli

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (23 December)

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

Mon. (24 December)

7:00PM Candlelight Service

Tues. (25 December)

10:30AM The Nativity of Our Lord

Sat. (29 December)

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (30 December)

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

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Julie Thayer
Acolyte: Paden Boileau

Serving Tuesday

Altar Guild: Julie Thayer
Acolyte: Gabriel Voight
Torch Bearers: Liam Willard & Crystal Mumford

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Notestine
Acolyte: Samuel Voight

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 12.....47
Attendance December 16.....87
General Fund Income.....\$6079.50
Altar Guild\$135.00
Building Fund.....\$50.00
Parish Hall Renovation.....\$25.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$2083.00
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$3997 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

23 Dec. - Psalm 22 & Isaiah 43-45
24 Dec. - Psalm 23 & Isaiah 46-48
25 Dec. - Psalm 24 & Isaiah 49-51
26 Dec. - Psalm 25 & Isaiah 52-54
27 Dec. - Psalm 26 & Isaiah 55-57
28 Dec. - Psalm 27 & Isaiah 58-60
29 Dec. - Psalm 28 & Isaiah 61-63



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Bob & Kay Beeson celebration of their granddaughter Lily Hana Rae's 1st birthday.



Birthdays This Week

Jerry Schultz 12/25
John Hill 12/26

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

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



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 one, remember and important event or celebrate and event by signing up to sponsor flowers. The price for altar flowers are \$40.00/Sunday.

Offering Envelopes for 2019 Are Ready : They are located on the table in the church narthex.



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 Alexandria Rappe is posted in the church hallway. It's a very uplifting letter.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs December 28

The innocents were the children of Bethlehem, two years one and under, killed by King Herod in his attempt to destroy the infant Jesus. Since they were killed for the sake of Christ, the church very early honored these Jewish babies as "the buds of the martyrs," killed by the frost of hate as soon as they appeared.

From Pastor & Darline Rappe: A Merry Christ-filled Christmas to the congregation of Our Redeemer, and the God of peace grant you all good things as are determined by the Atonement.

PLEASE JOIN US:

Candlelight Service Christmas Eve @ 7:00PM, Dec 24.

The Nativity of Our Lord/Divine Service @ 10:30AM, Dec 25

Circumcision of Our Lord/Divine Service @10:30AM, Jan 01

