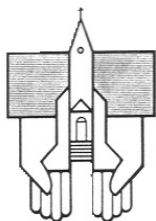


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**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**Worship Bulletin**

**For 29 November 2020**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

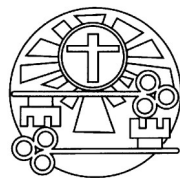
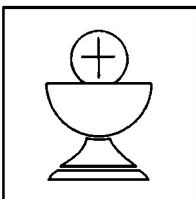
Pastor: Tod R. Rappe (910)488-6010 (W) 488-3046 (H)  
Organist: Holly Flanscha  
Web site: [www.faylcms.org](http://www.faylcms.org)

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, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

'In those days and at that time  
I will cause to grow up to David  
A Branch of righteousness;  
He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.  
In those days Judah will be saved,  
And Jerusalem will dwell safely.  
And this is the name by which she will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

"For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

**EPISTLE**

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 21:1-11**

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your King is coming to you,  
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’  
Hosanna in the highest!”

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”



Worship Bulletin  
For  
November 29, 2020  
The First Sunday in Advent

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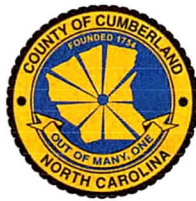
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October 7, 2020

Dear Partner,

Cumberland County Department of Social Services currently serves over 900 children in foster care who have been removed from their families because of abuse, neglect or dependency. The holidays can be a very difficult time for many of these children. In an effort to remind our foster children that they are special, we are partnering with the community to ensure that these children are not forgotten during the holiday season.

We need your assistance to create a joyful season for children in foster care. We are seeking churches, local businesses, and organizations to assist us with providing holiday gifts or gift cards for children of all ages. We understand that you cannot help every child in our custody, but we welcome and appreciate all that you can do. Every little bit helps and makes a significant impact in the lives of our foster children.

If you would like to donate gifts and gift cards to our children in foster care, you may bring them to Cumberland County Department of Social Services at 1225 Ramsey St. We will be more than happy to come to your church or organization to pick up donations if you are unable to deliver them to CCDSS. ***We would like to receive all donations between December 1, 2020, and December 7, 2020, to ensure that we have ample time to distribute the gifts to our children before the Holidays.***

We are also asking this year that toys be dropped off on the side of the building across from parking lot B. There is a side door that will be available for toys to be dropped off to help maintain as much social distancing as possible in an effort to keep our vendors as well as staff safe in this COVID environment.

The toys that we could use mostly this year are larger items. For example: Baby dolls, doll houses, games, bicycles, stuff animals, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, educational toys, cars, trucks, action figures, Lego's, Barbie dolls, coloring books and age appropriate toys for infant and toddlers just to name a few. Please attempt to minimize the number of small toys donated as they can be choking hazard for small children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 910-677-2551 or [ChristopherGreen@ccdssnc.com](mailto:ChristopherGreen@ccdssnc.com) or my Supervisor, Latanya Burgan, at 910-677-2535 or [LatanyaBurgan@ccdssnc.com](mailto:LatanyaBurgan@ccdssnc.com).

It is only with the collaboration and support of the entire community that the Cumberland County Department of Social Services can continue to make a positive difference for the children of Cumberland County. Thank you in advance for partnering with our agency to spread holiday

*We stand united to strengthen individuals and families and to protect children and vulnerable adults...*



### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Today (29 November)**

10:30AM Divine Service  
11:45AM PotLuck

**Tues. (1 December)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

**Wed. (2 December)**

7:00PM Evening Prayer

**Sat. (5 December)**

6-8PM Office OF The Keys/Confession

**Sun. (6 December)**

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

### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Chucki Davis  
**Acolyte:** Lillian Blank

### Serving Wednesday

**Altar Guild:** Ken & Kelly Tucker  
**Acolyte:** Liam Willard  
**Torch Bearers:** Lauren Boileau & Lillian Blank

### Serving Next Sunday

**Altar Guild:** Kelly & Ken Tucker  
**Acolyte:** Alex Hitt

### FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance November 22.....78  
General Fund Income.....\$4520.00  
General Fund weekly difference from  
Budget ..... \$462.15  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4057.85 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions

### DAILY LECTIONARY

29 Nov. - Psalm 149-150 & Matthew 25-26  
30 Nov. - Exodus 15:1-18 & Matthew 27-28  
01 Dec. - Luke 1:46-55 & Rev. 1-2  
02 Dec. - Psalm 1 & Rev. 3-5  
03 Dec. - Psalm 2 & Rev. 6-8  
04 Dec. - Psalm 3 & Rev. 9-11  
05 Dec. - Psalm 4 & Rev. 12-14



**Altar Flowers**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Snook.



### Birthdays This Week

Glenda Engstrom 12/03

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

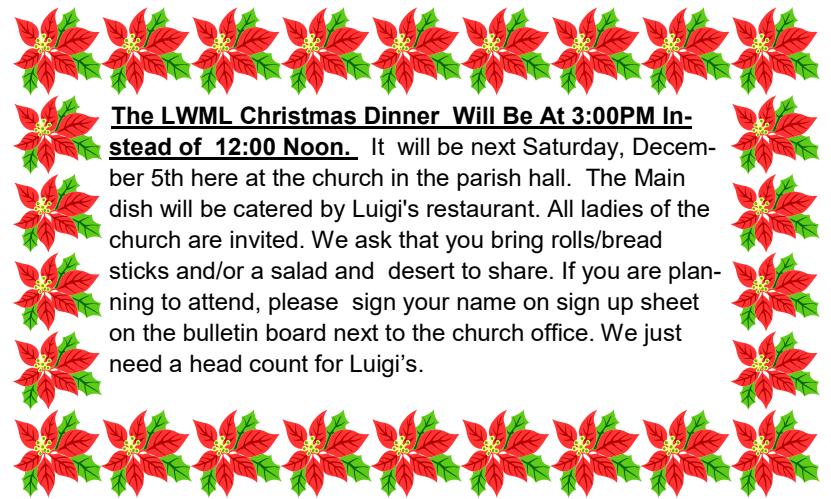
**NURSERY ROOM** is available for children under 5 years of age who are having difficulty the service. There is also a rocking chair in the room. The room also has speakers in it to hear the service

### 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.



### The LWML Christmas Dinner Will Be At 3:00PM Instead of 12:00 Noon.

It will be next Saturday, December 5th here at the church in the parish hall. The Main dish will be catered by Luigi's restaurant. All ladies of the church are invited. We ask that you bring rolls/bread sticks and/or a salad and desert to share. If you are planning to attend, please sign your name on sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office. We just need a head count for Luigi's.



### Mark Your Calendars For Voters Assembly Meeting

will be Sunday, January 17th right after worship service. We will be voting on the church budget and be voting on the church officers that will be serving for the year 2021. If you would like to serve on the church council, please contact our Council Chairman, Ken Tucker. We are looking for a chairman to replace Ken. He has done a fantastic job serving as our church council chairman. Thank you Ken. All voting members are urged to attend. We must have a quorum.

**Donations Needed:** We are so excited to be finished with the construction of our final renovation project Thank you to all who helped make this possible. There are a few more items that need our attention and additional funds. Window blinds have been ordered.

- Upstairs flooring- material and labor.
- Narthex furnishings.
- New efficiency windows for the nursery to be the same as offices.
- Storage racks for elder robes and coats.

office storage cabinets.

The approximate price for the flooring upstairs is \$7,000.00.. This includes materials, labor, baseboards and installation of baseboards and tax and freight. We also need new flooring for the nursery which will cost \$1200.00.

If you can help with funds- please memo on your check what you would like it to go towards. We greatly appreciate your donation.



### Advent Evening Services

December 2 @ 7:00pm

December 9 @ 7:00pm

December 16 @ 7:00pm

**Chrismon Tree Decorating** of the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary will be December 5th at around 1PM. The Ladies of LWML will also meet around noon to decorate the parish hall for our Christmas dinner. All ladies are invited.

**Altar Flower Chart** for 2021 is hanging up in the church hallway next to the church office. Please honor a loved one/remember an important event or celebrate an event by signing up to sponsor flowers. The price is \$40.00 for both bouquets per Sunday.

**Offering Envelopes for 2021:** If you had a 2020 offering envelopes you will automatically be assigned envelopes for 2021. If you did not have envelopes and would like a box, please let Cheryl Snook church/financial secretary know.



**Poinsettias:** Please sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia. The cost for a large Poinsettia is \$7.00. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Day Service. The sign up sheet is hanging up on the bulletin board next to the church office. Payment envelopes are provided.

### **ST ANDREW, APOSTLE—NOVEMBER 30**

Andrew was born in Bethsaida, a village in Galilee. He was a fisherman, the brother of Simon Peter, and the first apostle to follow Jesus (John 1:35-40). He then brought his brother to Christ. Tradition claims that he was martyred at Patras in Achaia on November 30. The tradition that he was crucified on an X-shaped cross seems to be no older than fourteenth century. The celebration on his martyrdom began in the East in perhaps the fourth century, and by the sixth century it had spread to Rome. He is held in particular honor in Scotland, Greece and Russia.

**The Ladies Of LWML** will once again be teaming up The Cumberland County Department of Social Services providing toys and/or gift cards to children in foster care. The congregation is invited to participate. Please see enclosed letter from the Department of Social Services. I have circled what items that they would like for the children. They prefer that the toys are not wrapped but you can put them into gift bags. We ask that you bring the toys/gift cards to the church no later than next Sunday, December 6th so we can get them to DSS.

Thank you.

**From Church Council Chairman Ken Tucker:** Please take some time and review the proposed Constitution which will be voted on during the January Voter's Assembly. The current and proposed versions may be found at <http://www.faylcms.org/constitution-committee/> on the Church's website. There is also an email address to which you may send your questions and/or concerns with regard to the proposed Constitution.

**New Parents and Toddlers Class:** All parents and children ages birth to 3 years old are invited to join a new Sunday School class in the nursery! We will learn about God and His wonderful world through songs and play. We will pray to Jesus and learn more about Him. Please contact Brittany Gronewold with any questions at (918) 810-8942. Hope you will join us next week!



**Potluck** Today right after worship service. Please join us for some good food.