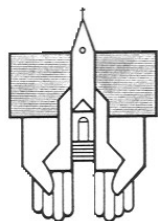


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 13 December 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
GAUDETE

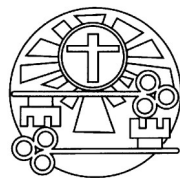
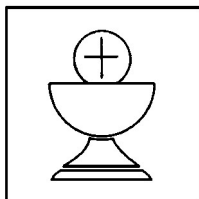
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Web site: www.faylcms.org

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, 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.

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Holy Gospel on reverse side

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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 13, 2020
Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (13 December)
10:30AM Divine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Church Council Meeting
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Tues. (15 December)
10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (16 December)
7:00PM Sunday School Christmas program

Sat. (19 December)
10:00AM Women's Bible Breakfast

Sun. (20 December)
9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30AM Divine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Claudia Rehbein
Acolyte: Lauren Boileau

Serving Wednesday

Altar Guild: Claudia Rehbein

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Cheryl Snook
Acolyte: Liam Willard

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.

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance December 2.....25
Attendance December 6.....81
General Fund Income.....\$6643.00
Altar Guild.....\$20.00
Building Fund.....\$100.00
Renovation Project.....\$75.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$2585.15
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4057.85 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions

DAILY LECTIONARY

13 Dec. - Psalm 12 & Isaiah 13-15
14 Dec. - Psalm 13 & Isaiah 16-18
15 Dec. - Psalm 14 & Isaiah 19-21
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



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Pastor & Darline Rappe
In celebration of their daughter Alexandria's marriage to Ronald Tate.



Birthdays This Week

Sandy Cage 12/18

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.

Women's Bible Breakfast next Saturday, December 19th at 10:00AM. All women are invited. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

Church Council Meets today right after worship service. Open to the congregation.



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 16 @ 7:00pm (Sunday School Christmas Program)

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 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.

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.

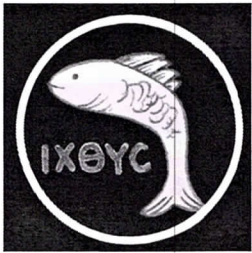
New Parents and Toddlers Class: All parents and children ages birth to 3 years old are invited to join a new Sunday School class in the nursery! We will learn about God and His wonderful world through songs and play. We will pray to Jesus and learn more about Him. Please contact Brittany Gronewold with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

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