

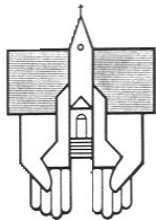
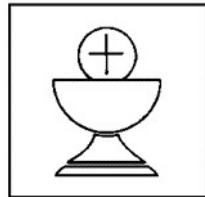


**OUR REDEEMER**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**Worship Bulletin**

**For 19 December 2021**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**RORATE COELI**

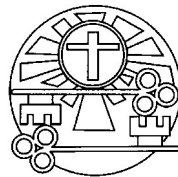
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Organist: Barbara Sexton

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.

**ISAIAH 40:1-8**

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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 19, 2021  
The Fourth Sunday In Advent  
Rorate Coeli

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### **Today (19 December)**

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

#### **Tues. (21 December)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

#### **Wed. (22 December)**

7:00PM Evening Prayer

#### **Fri. (24 December)**

7:00PM Candlelight Service

#### **Sat. (25 December)**

10:30AM Nativity of Our Lord/Divine Service  
6-8PM Office Of The Keys/Confession

#### **Sun. (26 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:** Alex Hitt

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**Altar Guild:** Chucki Davis  
**Acolyte:** Alex Hitt  
**Torch Bearers:** Lillian Blank & Lauren Boileau

#### Serving Saturday

**Altar Guild:** Ken & Kelly Tucker  
**Acolyte:** Trinity Williams  
**Torch Bearers:** Liam Willard & Alex Hitt

#### Serving Next Sunday

**Altar Guild:** Holly Flansch  
**Acolyte:** Lauren Boileau

### FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance December 8.....40  
Attendance December 12.....84  
General Fund Income.....\$4,684.00  
Altar Guild.....\$38.00  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget .....\$398.83  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4285.17 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions.

### DAILY LECTIONARY

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  
23 Dec. - Psalm 22 & Isaiah 43-45  
24 Dec. - Psalm 23 & Isaiah 46-48  
25 Dec. - Psalm 24 & Isaiah 49-51

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



**Birthdays This Week**  
William Schmidt 12/22



### Wedding Anniversaries This Week

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

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

### 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.

### **Church Budget Meeting**



**Mark Your Calendars For Voters Assembly Meeting** will be Sunday January 16th 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 2022. If you would like to serve on the church council, please contact our Council Chairman, Wesley Price. All voting members are urged to attend. We must have a quorum.

**Altar Flower Chart** for 2022 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.



**Thank You From LWML** for everyone that donated toys and gift cards to the children in foster care. It was greatly appreciated.

**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.

### Please join us :

Evening Prayer @ 7:00PM Dec. 22

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. 1

**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.

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# Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE

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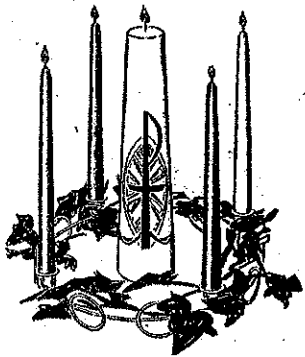
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Season: Advent

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**Church Paraments:** The church paraments are now **blue**. The history and reasoning with Advent season having blue paraments is the deep blue reflects hope and the deep blue color of the sky just before the sun rises. Therefore, we too, sit in this season with hope and anticipation of Jesus’ birth, and his second coming.



The Advent wreath is a tradition stemming from Germany. Each four candles represent the 4 Sundays in Advent; each one lit as each week progresses.

And then the white candle in the middle is lit for Christmas Day.

### Reminder:

**Please join us for midweek service**

**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**

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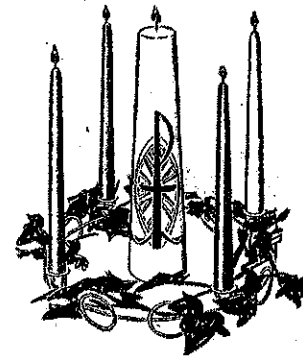
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