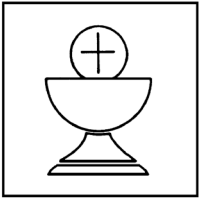




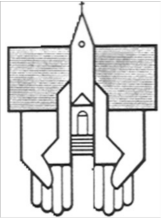
OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 20 March 2022
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

OCULI
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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

Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation,
My stronghold and my refuge;
My Savior, You save me from violence.
I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

“When the waves of death surrounded me,
The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry entered His ears.

EPISTLE

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Therefore do not be partakers with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

Holy Gospel on reverse side

2 SAMUEL 22:1-7

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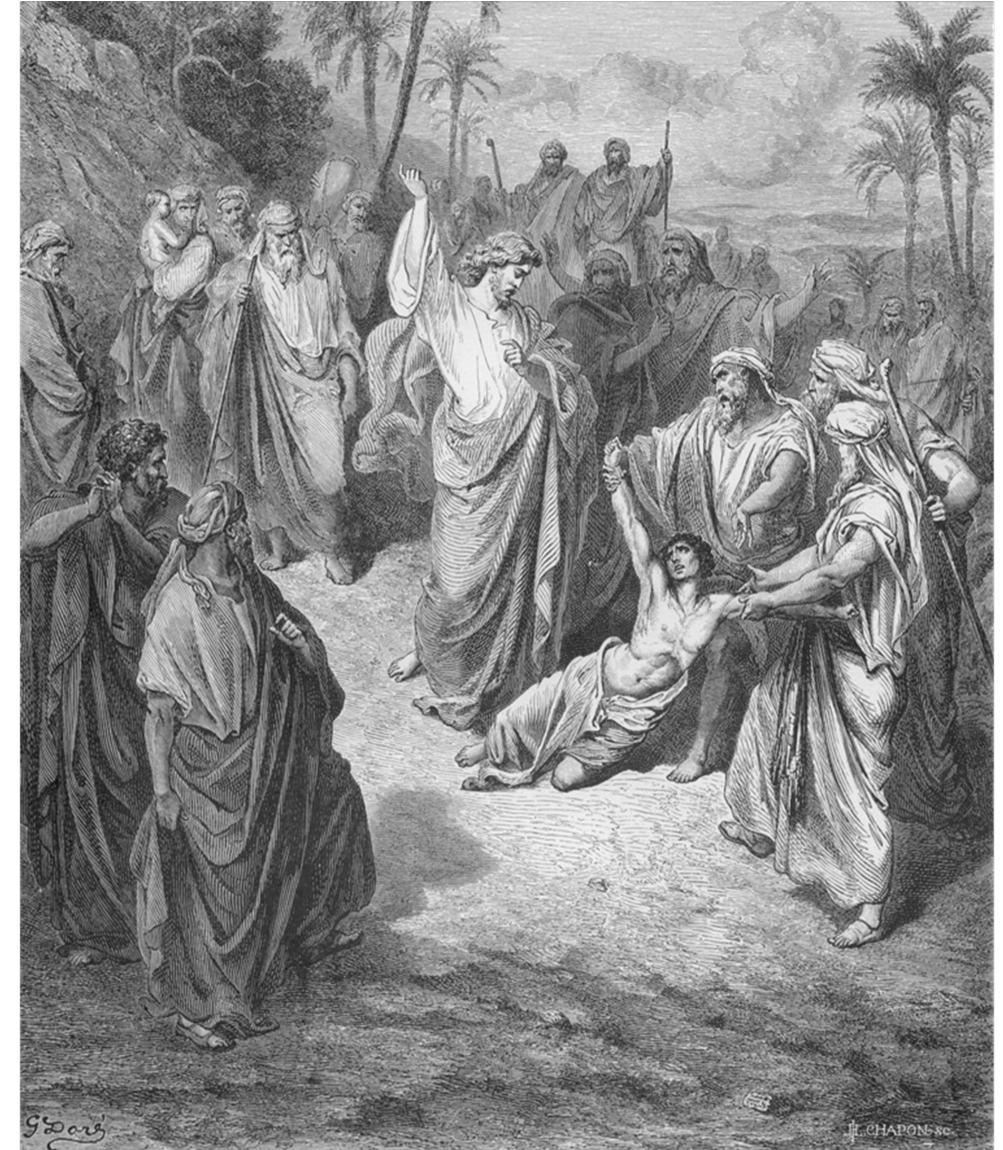
LUKE 11:14-28

And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (20 March)

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

Tue. (22 March)

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (23 March)

6:00PM Lenten Supper
7:00PM Evening Prayer

Sat. (26 March)

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (27 March)

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

Altar Guild: Chucki Davis

Acolyte: Lillian Blank

Serving Wednesday

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Torch Bearers: Trinity Williams & Alex Hitt

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Kelly & Ken Tucker

Acolyte: Trinity Williams

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance March 9.....51
Attendance March 13.....100
General Fund Income.....\$8617.52
Altar Guild.....\$45.00
General Fund weekly difference from
Budget\$4158.52
The annual budget adopted by the Voters'
assembly requires weekly giving of
\$4459.00 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

20 Mar. - Psalm 103 & Luke 2-3
21 Mar. - Psalm 104 & Luke 4-5
22 Mar. - Psalm 105 & Luke 6-7
23 Mar. - Psalm 106 & Luke 8-9
24 Mar. - Psalm 107 & Luke 10-11
25 Mar. - Psalm 108 & Luke 12-13
26 Mar. - Psalm 109 & Luke 14-15

ALAR FLOWERS today are
given to the glory of God
by the members of ORLC.



Wedding Anniversaries This Week

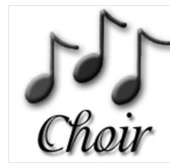


Dennis & Eddie Bruner	3/15
Jeremiah & Susanna Hitt	3/17
Eric & Glenda Engstrom	3/20

If we have missed anyone'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. You can
fill out one per family.



Choir Practice Today after worship service. We will meet around the
organ at 11:45AM for music. Anyone interested in special music for
Easter season is welcome.



Lenten Service will be this Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00PM. This year
again we will be sharing supper prior to worship. Meals will begin at 6:00PM.
If you are unable to bring a cooked dish to the suppers due to time con-
straints, children or the inability to cook, NEVER FEAR! We want you to
come anyway! If you would like to bring bread, drinks or dessert that would
be great. Our church family's attendance is the important thing. (But, of
course, good cooking is great too!) The Lenten suppers are as follows:

March 23- German Night

March 30-Mexican Night

April- 06-Cookout Night

DID YOU KNOW? During the Lenten Season we:

- ◆ Put away the Alleluias and the Hymn of Praise
- ◆ We enter the sanctuary with reverence and hold our conversations until
we leave the sanctuary.
- ◆ We don't sing hymns during the distribution of the Sacraments.

We laud and magnify our Lord Jesus and His passion every season of the
church year. Yet, this magnification is intensified during Lent. God speaks to
us and we speak to God during the service. **We speak to each other after
the service when we have left the sanctuary.** With quiet reverence, there-
fore, enter the sanctuary keeping in mind the exhortation from our Father:

"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46)

The Annunciation of Our Lord—March 25th:

Each March 25th the Church celebrates the Festival of the Annunciation, the
conception of Christ within Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26-
38). This is an important miracle, as God takes on human flesh for the sole
purpose of meriting full atonement for sin, that whosoever believes in Him
would be forgiven and saved. Gabriel was sent to rightly proclaim
(annunciate) God's Word to Mary which brought about the incarnation of
Christ Jesus. Mary rightly confesses God's truth through what is known as the
Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

**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 mod-
ern electronic marvels. Rather, these should be
SILENT while we lift our voices and hearts in wor-
ship 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.
fill out one per family.

NURSERY ROOM is available for

Children under 5 years of age who are
having difficulty the service.
also a rocking chair in the room. The
room also has speakers in it to hear the ser-
vice. the service.

Join us for a Ba- Shower...

It Could be a Boy or It could be a Girl. We will have to wait and see.

LWML is hosting a baby shower for Holly Flansch Saturday, April 16th at 11:30AM right after women's bible study. All women are invited. Please bring breakfast to share for the women's bible breakfast. We will meet at 9:00AM that morning to decorate the parish hall. Please come and help us if you can.

Come join us for lots of fun.

Holly is register at: <https://www.babylist.com/baby-holly-flansch>

Holly & Luke want the baby's gender to be a surprise, so you can place your baby bets at the following link:

Betting Pool: <https://www.babybookie.com/pools/85712-baby-flansch>



Easter Lilies: It's time to sign up for Easter lilies. The sign up sheet is located in the church hallway beside the flower chart. The cost of each plant is \$14.00. Beside your name, please indicate the number of plants you would like to purchase. Envelopes are available.. Thank you.

The Altar Guild will be meeting this Saturday, April 9 at 10:00AM to clean the Sanctuary in preparation for Holy Week. All members of the congregation are invited to help! Please feel free to bring your cleaning supplies. Thank you for your help.

Easter Breakfast Will Be 8:30AM April 17, Easter Sunday in the Parrish Hall. The Elders will be hosting the breakfast. They will be cooking up some good eats.

All Children Are Invited to attend a Sunday School lesson on Easter morning at 9:15 after breakfast. Our lesson will consist of the Easter story and craft. After our lesson all children will be invited to hunt for Easter eggs. All parents are asked to bring 1 dozen filled plastic eggs per child and please bring your Easter baskets!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



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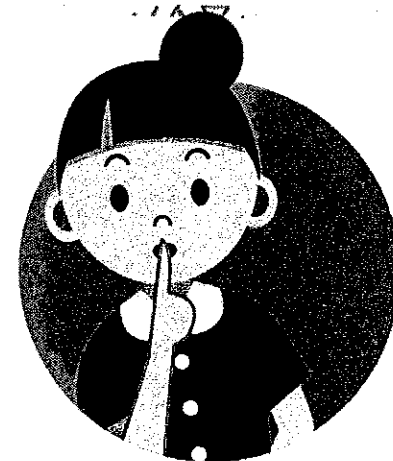
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The season of Lent lasts 40 days, not counting Sundays, in commemoration of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

Church Paraments: The church paraments are now **purple**. They will continue to be purple throughout the Lenten season. Purple is used to represent somberness, penitence, and prayer—all things we hold in remembrance during Lent.

Parents: As we continue in the Lenten season, be mindful that we enter the Sanctuary in silence and in a state of reflection. At home, discuss Jesus' passion leading to His death on the cross—the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Each Sunday in Lent will have a different name, you can see it change on the hymn boards.

Sunday School Lesson: Today we looked at one of Jesus' miracles in "The Seeing Sign". When Jesus encounters a man born blind, His disciples wrongly assume the man's sins or his parents' sin is the cause of blindness. Jesus corrects their assumption, telling them the man's blindness was so that the works of God might be displayed in Him. Sight restored, the man and then his parents find themselves before the Pharisees, who try to claim the man was never blind. When the man asserts the truth of his healing, the Pharisees case him out. Encountering Jesus once again, the man confesses his faith in the Son of Man.

Parents: Remind your children Jesus does miracles because He is true God. Jesus speaks to us through the words of Scripture to open our eyes to the truth of salvation in Him. Guide your child(ren) there are many things that make the world blind to His truth: entertainment, money, other religions, and certain lies (including all you need is "X" and you'll be happy...). We all need encouragement and redirection in setting our eyes on His work of the cross so that we have new life in Him.

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