

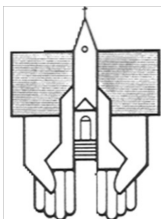
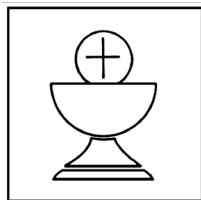


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For February 12 2023
Sexagesima

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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

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
"For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

EPISTLE

For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?

ISAIAH 55:10-13

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If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

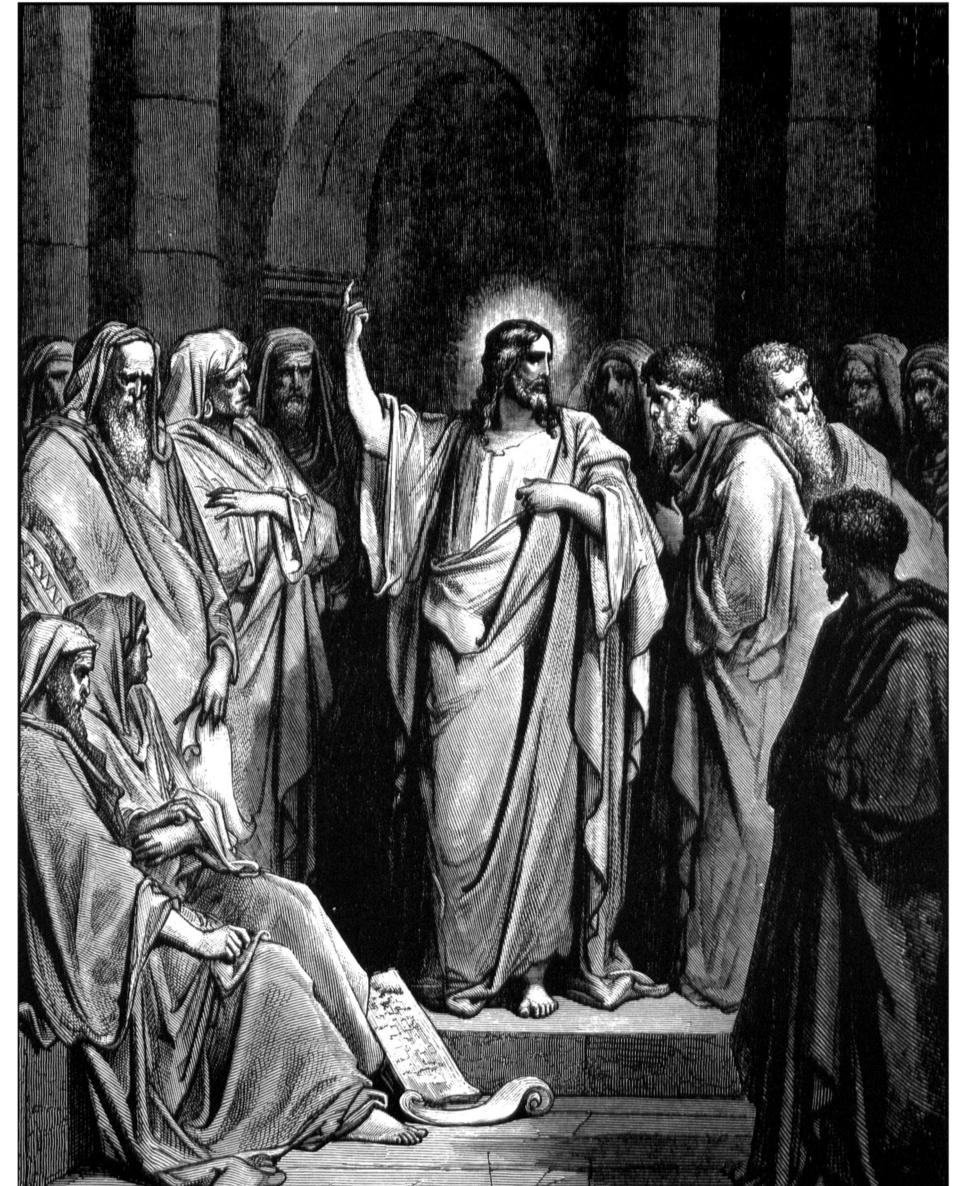
And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 8:4-15

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (12 February)

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

Sat. (18 February)

10:00AM Women's Bible Breakfast
6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (19 February)

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

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Christa & Jim Boileau
Acolyte: Liam Willard

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Margi & Molly Beyersdorf
Acolyte: Alex Hitt

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance February 593
General Fund Income.....\$7667.00
Altar Guild.....\$40.00
Building Fund.....\$20.00
General Fund weekly difference from
Budget\$3166.17
The annual budget adopted by the Voters'
assembly requires weekly giving of
\$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

12 Feb. - Psalm 69 & Exodus 34-36
13 Feb. - Psalm 70 & Exodus 37-38
14 Feb. - Psalm 71 & Exodus 39-40
15 Feb. - Psalm 72 & Leviticus 1-3
16 Feb. - Psalm 73 & Leviticus 4-6
17 Feb. - Psalm 74 & Leviticus 7-9
18 Feb. - Psalm 75 & Leviticus 10-12



ALTAR FLOWERS today are
given to the glory of God by
Steve & Julie Thayer in
celebration of their wedding
anniversary.

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.
fill out one per family.



Birthdays This Week

Phyllis Lewis 2/16
Barbara Sexton 2/17
Parker Buschhardt (Notestine) 2/18

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.

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

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

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

Men's Bible Breakfast is next Saturday, February 11th at 9:00AM. All men are invited. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

From Agape Pregnancy Support Services: Our Food pantry shelves are getting bare. Please donate Ravoli, spaghetti sauce, noodles, pasta, apple sauce, canned or packaged fruit, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, oatmeal, grits, cereal, snack packs of peanut butter or cheese crackers, pancake mix, etc. and baby formula too! If you want to bring food items to church, we will make sure to deliver them to Agape. Thank you.



BABY BOTTLE BANKS Thank you to everyone who has collected loose change. LWML will be making a donation of approximately \$84.00 to Agape Pregnancy Support Services. Your loose change really does go a long way to help underserved women and children. Bottles are still available for you to take home. If we need more bottles, we can get them!. We hope you will continue to help LWML support the efforts to help women and children.

Save The Date: Mom's Morning Out will be Saturday, February 25th from 10M-12PM. Location TBD.

From Our Church Treasurer John Hill: Our Redeemer now has two more new ways you can send your offering in electronically. You can send it thru Zelle if your bank participates with this program. The link is: <https://enroll.zellepay.com>
The other way you can pay is thru a program called Stripe, which is linked directly to our Church Trac program that ORLC uses. The link to that is : <https://orlc fayetteville.churchtrac.com>

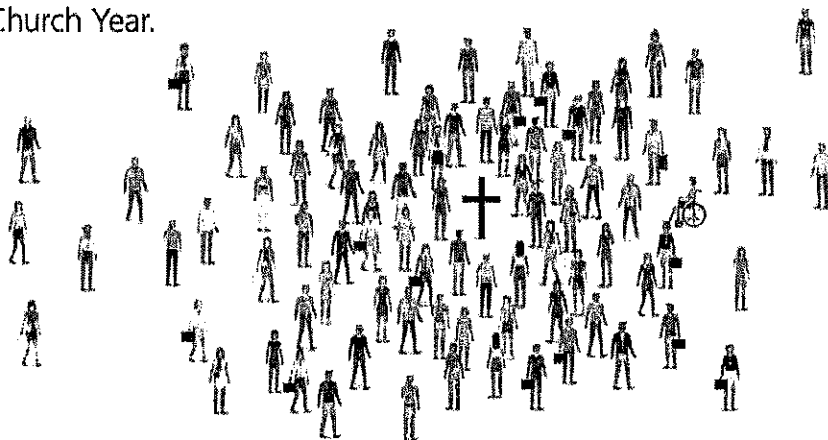
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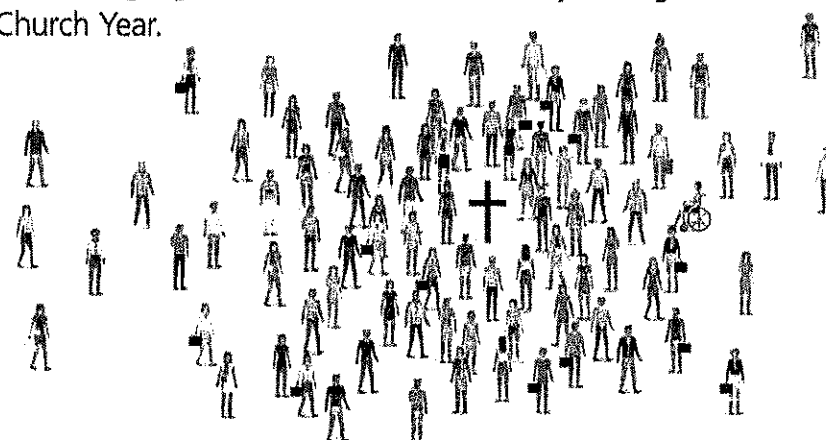
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Church Paraments: The church paraments are now **green**. Epiphany is green, like in the Trinity season. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

Sunday School Lesson: Today we continued in Luke in "Lost-and-Found-Wonders" (Luke 15). Jesus shares three parables demonstrating our heavenly Father's concern for the lost. The shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to seek the one that was lost. A woman sweeps the house to find one of ten silver coins. In the parable of the lost son, a young man squanders his inheritance, ending up in squalor. Determined to plead for his father's mercy and beg to return as a servant, the son instead receives a celebration. Angered at this father's welcome for the prodigal, the older son confronts his father. The father's gentle response reassures the young man of the father's everlasting love and care.

Parents: All three of these parables Jesus is using for teaching fellowship to the Pharisees (and us!). We are lost and Jesus has come to find us, sinners, through His saving work on the cross. Furthermore, it is a reminder of repentance. When we confess and repent, it's a change of mind. And through His grace, God forgives us completely for Jesus' sake, and keeps us in the faith.

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