

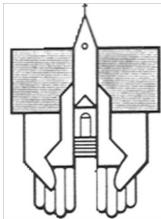


**OUR REDEEMER**  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
Worship Bulletin

For 29 February 2023  
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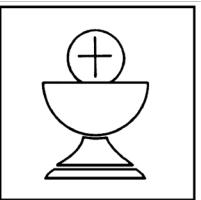
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Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's 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**

Strengthen the weak hands,  
And make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are fearful-hearted,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
With the recompense of God;  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.  
Then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
And the tongue of the dumb sing.

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness,  
And streams in the desert.

The parched ground shall become a pool,  
And the thirsty land springs of water;  
In the habitation of jackals, where each lay,  
There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there, and a road,  
And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.  
The unclean shall not pass over it,  
But it shall be for others.

Whoever walks the road, although a fool,  
Shall not go astray.  
No lion shall be there,

Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it;  
It shall not be found there.

But the redeemed shall walk there,  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
And come to Zion with singing,  
With everlasting joy on their heads.  
They shall obtain joy and gladness,  
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**EPISTLE**

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Today (19 February)**

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

### **Tue. (21 February)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

### **Wed. (22 February)**

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service

### **Sat. (25 February)**

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

### **Sun. (26 February)**

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

#### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Margi & Molly Beyersdorf

**Acolyte:** Alex Hitt

#### Serving Wednesday

**Altar Guild:** Margi & Molly Beyersdorf

**Acolyte:** Gavin Williams

**Torch Bearers:** Grace Heron & Rowan Price

#### Serving Next Sunday

**Altar Guild:** Lori & John Hill

**Acolyte:** Milo Nelson

**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. You can fill out one per family.

## FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance February 12 .....102  
General Fund Income.....\$5193.00  
Altar Guild.....\$40.00  
Building Fund.....\$100.00  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget .....\$692.17

The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.

Thank you for your Contributions.

## DAILY LECTORY

19 Feb. - Psalm 76 & Leviticus 13-15  
20 Feb. - Psalm 77 & Leviticus 16-18  
21 Feb. - Psalm 78 & Leviticus 19-21  
22 Feb. - Psalm 79 & Leviticus 22-24  
23 Feb. - Psalm 80 & Leviticus 25-27  
24 Feb. - Psalm 81 & Numbers 1-3  
25 Feb. - Psalm 82 & Numbers 4-6



**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Barbara Sexton in celebration of her birthday.

**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.

**From Agape Pregnancy Support Services:** Our Food pantry shelves are getting bare. Please donate Ravioli, 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.

**Mom's Morning Out** will be next Saturday, February 25th from 10M-12PM at Maple Street Biscuit Company. All interested, please meet at the church at 10:00AM and then go to the restaurant from there.

**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://orlcayetteville.churchtrac.com>

## SAINT MATTHIAS-FEBRUARY 24:

Today the Church honor's St Matthias, chosen by the apostles to "take the office" of Judas Iscariot who committed suicide after betraying our Lord. "It was I who chose you" says the Lord. We are chosen by the Lord to the mission of love that characterizes the Lord's disciples, his followers, and his "friends," As we honor the apostle of the Lord, let us ask the Lord to make us disciples of genuine love of one another so as to learn to be obedient to the Lord, "you are my friends, if you do what I command you." St. Matthias was captured and blinded by cannibals on a mission to Ethiopia. He was rescued by St. Andrew, but met his death martyred bliss with an ax near the Caspian Sea.

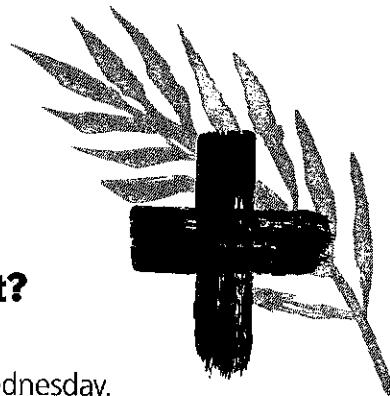


**Come Join Us For Ash Wednesday Service This Week** at 7:00PM.

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## Why do we do this?

Usually when someone gets dirty they know they need water to get clean. The ashes that are put on our foreheads remind us that in sin we are dirty and need to be cleaned. It also helps us to remember the first time the sign of the cross was made on us at our Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are cleaned and the dirt of sin is washed away. Ash Wednesday helps to remind us of this.

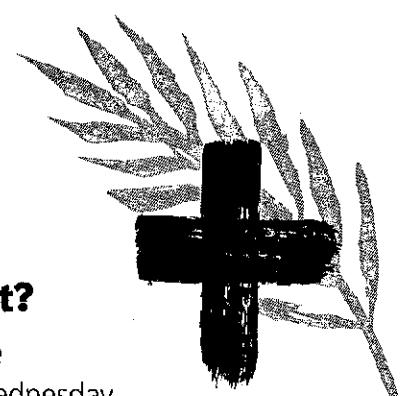
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**Parents:** Though we may not be physically blind, we are spiritually blinded by our sin and we fail to see the truth in God's Word. Teach your child(ren) we cannot rely solely on our own truth, our own feelings and desires, but only through Jesus we know the real truth and He alone is our savior. Also, another possible thing to discuss is, some people did hold the idea certain illnesses and disabilities were because of one specific sin. This isn't true, but our ailments, diseases, etc., are mere realities of living in a sinful, broken, and fallen world. We are all still made in God's image and, no matter what, it is for His glory so He may be revealed through us.

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Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



#### HOLY GOSPEL

#### LUKE 18:31-43

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

