

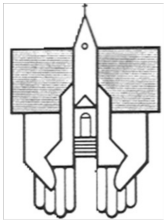
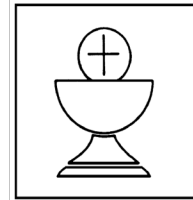


**OUR REDEEMER**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**Worship Bulletin**  
**For 26 February 2023**

**Invocavit**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**

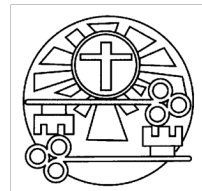
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Organist: Barbara Sexton

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

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this,  
You are cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.  
And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel."

To the woman He said:  
I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;  
In pain you shall bring forth children;  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
And he shall rule over you."

Old Testament continued on reverse side

## GENESIS 3:1-24

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Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’

“Cursed is the ground for your sake;  
In toil you shall eat of it  
All the days of your life.  
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,  
And you shall eat the herb of the field.  
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread  
Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;  
For dust you are,  
And to dust you shall return.”

And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**EPISTLE**

**2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you and the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

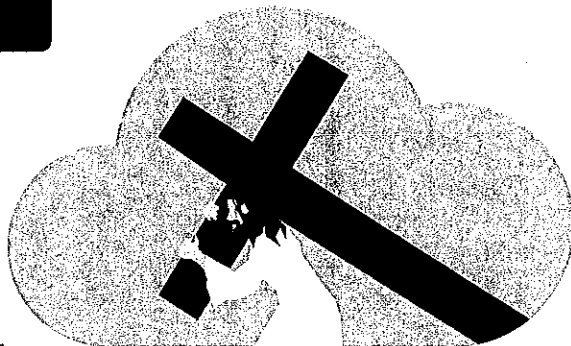


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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### **Today (26 February)**

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

#### **Tue (28 February)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

#### **Wed. (1 March)**

7:00PM Evening Prayer

#### **Sat. (4 March)**

11:00AM Loci/Charlotte  
6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

#### **Sun. (5 March)**

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

#### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Lori & John Hill  
**Acolyte:** Milo Nelson

#### Serving Wednesday

**Altar Guild:** Lori & John Hill  
**Acolyte:** Milo Nelson  
**Torch Bearers:** Jenna Byrd & Naomi Oldenburg

#### Serving Next Sunday

**Altar Guild:** Alexandria Tate  
**Acolyte:** Paul Moeller

**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 19.....91  
General Fund Income.....\$3346.11  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget .....(\$1154.72)  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions.

### DAILY LECTIONARY

26 Feb. - Psalm 83 & Numbers 7-9  
27 Feb. - Psalm 84 & Numbers 10-12  
28 Feb. - Luke 2:29-32 & Numbers 13-15  
01 Mar. - Isaiah 64 & Numbers 16-18  
02 Mar. - Psalm 85 & Numbers 19-21  
03 Mar. - Psalm 86 & Numbers 22-24  
04 Mar. - Psalm 87 & Numbers 25-27



**Altar Flowers**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Dave & Lorri Rettig in celebration of Dave's birthday



#### Birthdays This Week

Sandy Mathlin 2/28  
David Rettig 2/28  
Christa Boileau 3/04  
Nathan Glassley 3/04  
Gregory Williamson 3/04

If we have missed anyone'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

**Minutes From The February 12th Church Council Meeting** posted on the bulletin board beside the church office for the congregation's review.

**Minutes From The February 5th LWML Meeting** are posted on the bulletin board next to church office



**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.



**Lenten Midweek Service** will be this Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00PM. This year again we will be sharing supper prior to worship. Meals will begin at 6:00PM. If you don't have time to cook, you can pick something up on the way to church. We always need drinks and deserts, or just come. Our church family attendance is an important thing.

**March 1-Soup & Sandwich Night**

**March 8- Taco Night**

**March 15- German Night**

**March 22-Pizza/Italian Night**

**March 29-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, therefore, enter the sanctuary keeping in mind the exhortation from our Father:

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