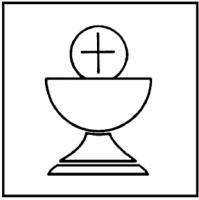




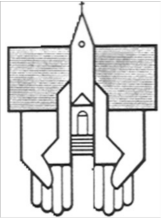
**OUR REDEEMER**  
*Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*  
**Worship Bulletin**

**For 12 March 2023**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**OCULI**  
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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**

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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**Church Council Meets** today right after worship service. Open to the congregation.

**Women's Bible Breakfast** is next Saturday, March 18th at 10:00AM All women are invited. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.



**Lenten Midweek Service** will be this Wednesday, March 15th 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 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)**

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### **Today (12 March)**

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

#### **Tue (14 March)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

#### **Wed. (15 March)**

7:00PM Evening Prayer

#### **Sat. (18 March)**

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

#### **Sun. (19 March)**

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

### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Susanna Hitt  
**Acolyte::** Arthur Kolle

### Serving Wednesday

**Altar Guild:** Susanna Hitt  
**Acolyte:** Arthur Kolle  
**Torch Bearers:** Grace Heron & Rowan Price

### Serving Next Sunday

**Altar Guild:** Terrie & Mike Rehmet  
**Acolyte:** Mathew Oldenburg

**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 March 1.....53  
Attendance March 5.....85  
General Fund Income.....\$6369.00  
Altar Guild.....\$80.00  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget .....\$1868.17  
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 Mar. - Psalm 95 & Deut. 13-15  
13 Mar. - Psalm 96 & Deut. 16-18  
14 Mar. - Psalm 97 & Deut. 19-21  
15 Mar. - Psalm 98 & Deut. 22-24  
16 Mar. - Psalm 99 & Deut. 25-27  
17 Mar. - Psalm 100 & Deut. 28-30  
18 Mar. - Psalm 101 & Deut. 31-34



**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Lisa Smith in appreciation for Dave and Lorri Rettig for that they do.



### Birthdays This Week

Alexander Hitt 3/13  
Rowan Price 3/16



### Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Jeremiah & Susanna Hitt 3/17

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.

## HOLY GOSPEL

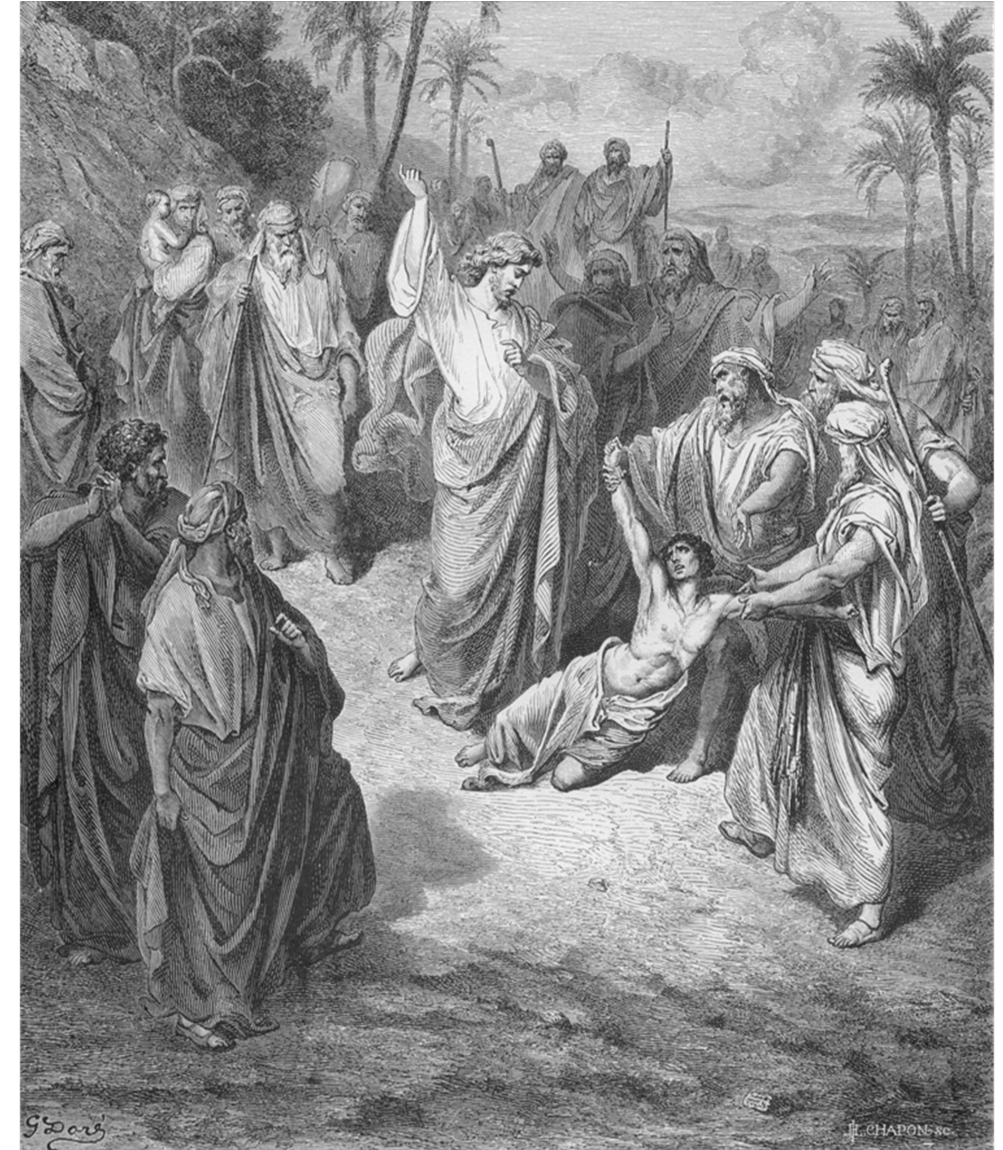
## LUKE 11:14-28

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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We also want to add a word of thanks for entrusting your children to us in Sunday School. The stories and lessons are so vital and impressionable for their upbringing and they can carry it with them for their whole life. Your vocation is important and we are here to encourage, thanks for all your hard work! ☐

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**All Parents Of Children Sunday School Age** are invited to attend a meeting with the Sunday School Teachers next Sunday, March 19 after worship service, to discuss having Vacation Bible School this summer.



**Choir Practice For Special Music At Easter**

today. All singers welcome, Practice will be held each Sunday after worship service at 11:45AM and Wednesday's at 6:15PM.



**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.

**The Altar Guild** will be meeting Saturday, April 1st 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 9th, Easter Sunday in the Parish 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!