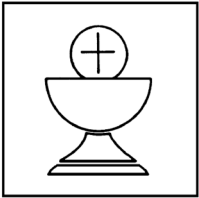




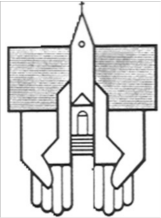
OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin
For 19 March 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Laetare

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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

Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."

Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house."

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' "

EPISTLE

For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

2 SAMUEL 7:1-16

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Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

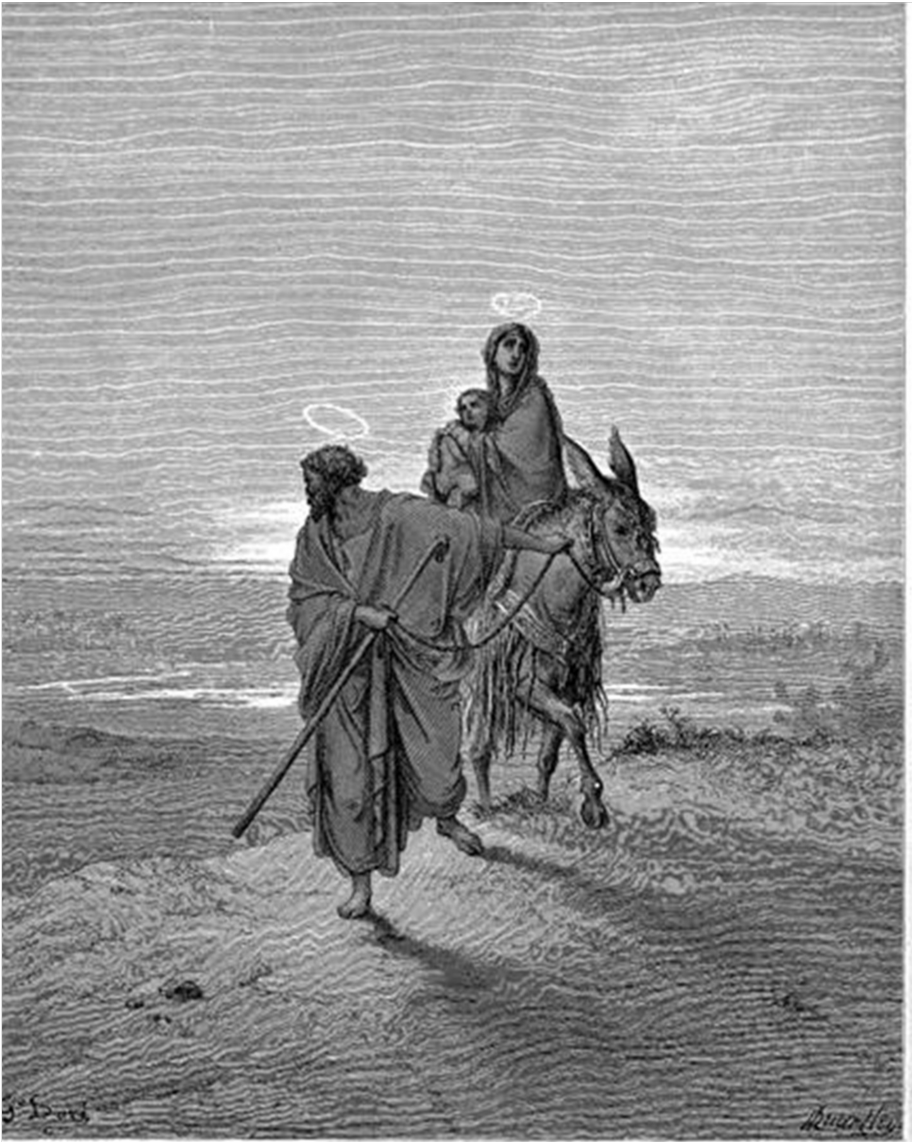


HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2;13-15,19-23

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Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoke



Worship Bulletin
For
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Saint Joseph Guardian of Jesus



Lenten Midweek Service will be this Wednesday, March 22nd 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.

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)

St. Joseph Guardian Of Jesus March 19: He was “a son of David” and could claim royal or priestly descent. He was faithful in his care of Christ, and deserved to be called His “father”. He never appears in the Gospels after Christ was twelve years of age and became a “son of the Law”, which may suggest that he died during the interval. This would explain why Jesus at his death asked John to take care of His mother. He died, tradition says, at age 111 years, when Jesus was eighteen years of age.

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).

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (19 March)

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

Tue (21 March)

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (22 March)

7:00PM Evening Prayer

Sat. (25 March)

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (26 March)

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

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Terrie & Mike Rehmer
Acolyte: Matthew Oldenburg

Serving Wednesday

Altar Guild: Terrie & Mike Rehmer
Acolyte: Matthew Oldenburg
Torch Bearers: Jenna Byrd & Naomi Oldenburg

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Liam Willard

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 8.....49
Attendance March 12.....89
General Fund Income.....\$8169.532
Altar Guild.....\$28.00
Building Fund.....\$100.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$3668.69
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

19 Mar. - Psalm 102 & Luke 1
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



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Lisa Smith in celebration of her grandson Taylor's birthday,



Birthdays This Week

Grace Heron 3/19
Owen Thompson 3/22



Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Eric & Glenda Engstrom 3/20

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.

All Parents Of Children Sunday School Age are invited to attend a meeting with the Sunday School Teachers Today, 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL is in need of shoe boxes with lids for an Easter project. Please leave them in the Parish Hall if you have any to donate. Thank you.

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. Come join us for some good food.

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

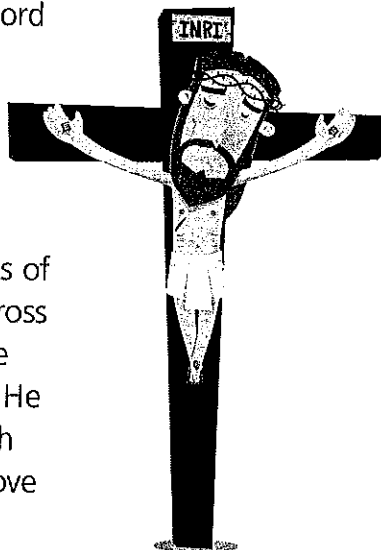
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A word that you often hear used in the church is the word "redemption" (pronounced ree-DEMP-shun). All of the events in Jesus' life work together to form God's plan of redemption.

What does "redemption" mean?

The word "redemption" is a very important word used to describe what Jesus has done for us.

Redemption comes from the root word "redeem" which means "to buy back." God's plan of redemption was His plan to buy us back from sin, death and the power of the devil. This all happened when Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Law perfectly and died on the cross in our place. He paid the high price for sin, and He bought us back! But He didn't stop there. He overcame death for us and rose from the dead to prove it! What a great Redeemer we have!



Parents:

What our God has done for us in Jesus reflects the Fatherly love He has for all people. As parents, we share this love with our children through the means our Lord has provided: Word and Sacrament. This is where we receive the real fruits of redemption.

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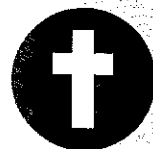
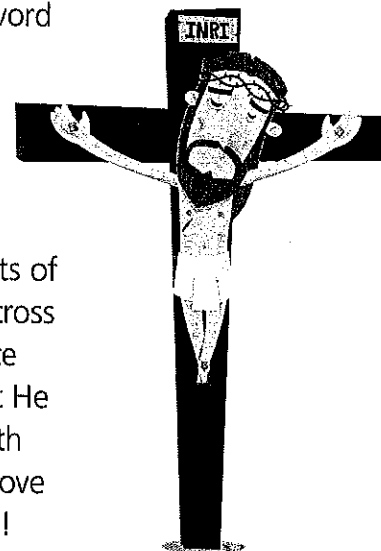
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