

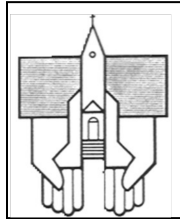
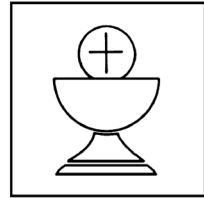


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin
For 26 March 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Judica

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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 after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

EPISTLE

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

GENESIS 22:1-14

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It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-59

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”

They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.



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Minutes From the March 12 Church Council Meeting are posted on the bulletin board beside the church office for the congregation's to review.



Save The Date For VBS June 5th thru the 8th. If you are interested in helping, please see Darline Rappe. More information will follow.



The Last Lenten Midweek Service will be this Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00PM. This year again we will be sharing supper prior to worship. Meals will begin at 6:00PM. Pastor will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Everyone is invited. You may bring a side dish to share and or desert.

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 (26 March)

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

Tue (28 March)

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (29 March)

7:00PM Evening Prayer

Sat. (1 April)

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

Sun. (2 April)

9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30AM Divine Service
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Serving Today

Altar Guild: Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Liam Willard

Serving Wednesday

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Acolyte: Liam Willard
Torch Bearers: Grace Heron & Rowan Price

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Kim Steffen
Acolyte: Alex Hitt

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance March 15.....53
Attendance March 19.....80
General Fund Income.....\$2599.00
Altar Guild.....\$28.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget(\$1901.83)
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 Mar. - Psalm 109 & Luke 14-15
27 Mar. - Psalm 110 & Luke 16-17
28 Mar. - Psalm 111 & Luke 18-19
29 Mar. - Psalm 112 & Luke 20-21
30 Mar. - Psalm 113 & Luke 22
31 Mar. - Isaiah 64:1-9 & Luke 23-24
01 Apr. - Isaiah 25:1-9 & Romans 1-3



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Dick & Chucki Davis in celebration of their daughter Stacy's birthday.



Birthdays This Week

Rob Nelson 3/31
Steve Cage 4/01

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

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.

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.



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.



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 next 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!

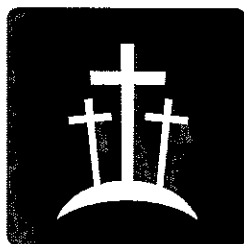
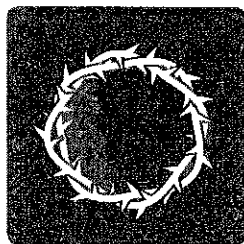
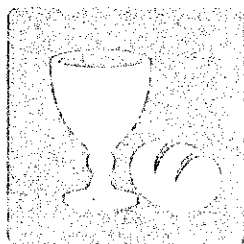
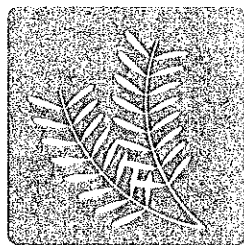
KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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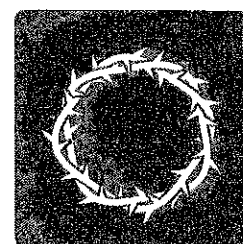
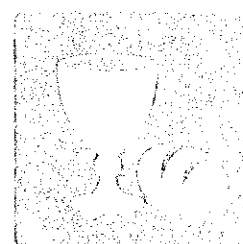
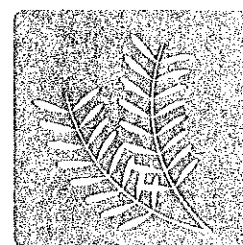
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Church Paraments: The church paraments are now **purple**. They will continue to be purple through the Lenten season. Purple is used to represent somberness, penitence, and prayer—all things we hold in remembrance during Lent.

Parents: As we continue in the Lent season, be mindful we now enter the Sanctuary in silence and in a state of reflection. At home, discuss during Lent we remember Jesus' passion leading to His death on the cross—the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Each Sunday in Lent will have a different name, you can see it change on the hymn boards.

Sunday School Lesson: Today we looked at Jesus riding into Jerusalem in "*The King Arrives*" (Matthew 21:1-11). Following Jesus' unusual directions, two disciples bring a donkey and her young colt to transport Jesus into Jerusalem. Throwing their cloaks upon the colt, they proceed into the city. There, the crowds spread their cloaks on the road and cut palm branches to line the way as they shout "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21).

Parents: Remember, this reading was also the assigned reading way back in our Advent season. Take a look at the book of Zechariah as a family. In chapter 9, it is prophesied that Jesus enters on a donkey! "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*" Remind your children Jesus' birth and passion was a long time coming! Our Savior and King, Jesus, is the fulfillment of God's promises throughout time. As we will see next week, on Palm Sunday, Jesus' passion begins.

Bible Verse: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"
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