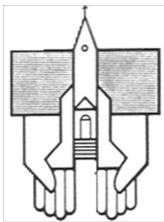
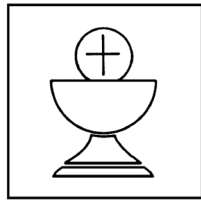




**OUR REDEEMER**  
 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
 Worship Bulletin  
 For 21 May 2023  
 Easter VII  
 Exaudi Sunday

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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**

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

**EZEKIEL 36:22-28**

**EPISTLE**

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel on reverse side

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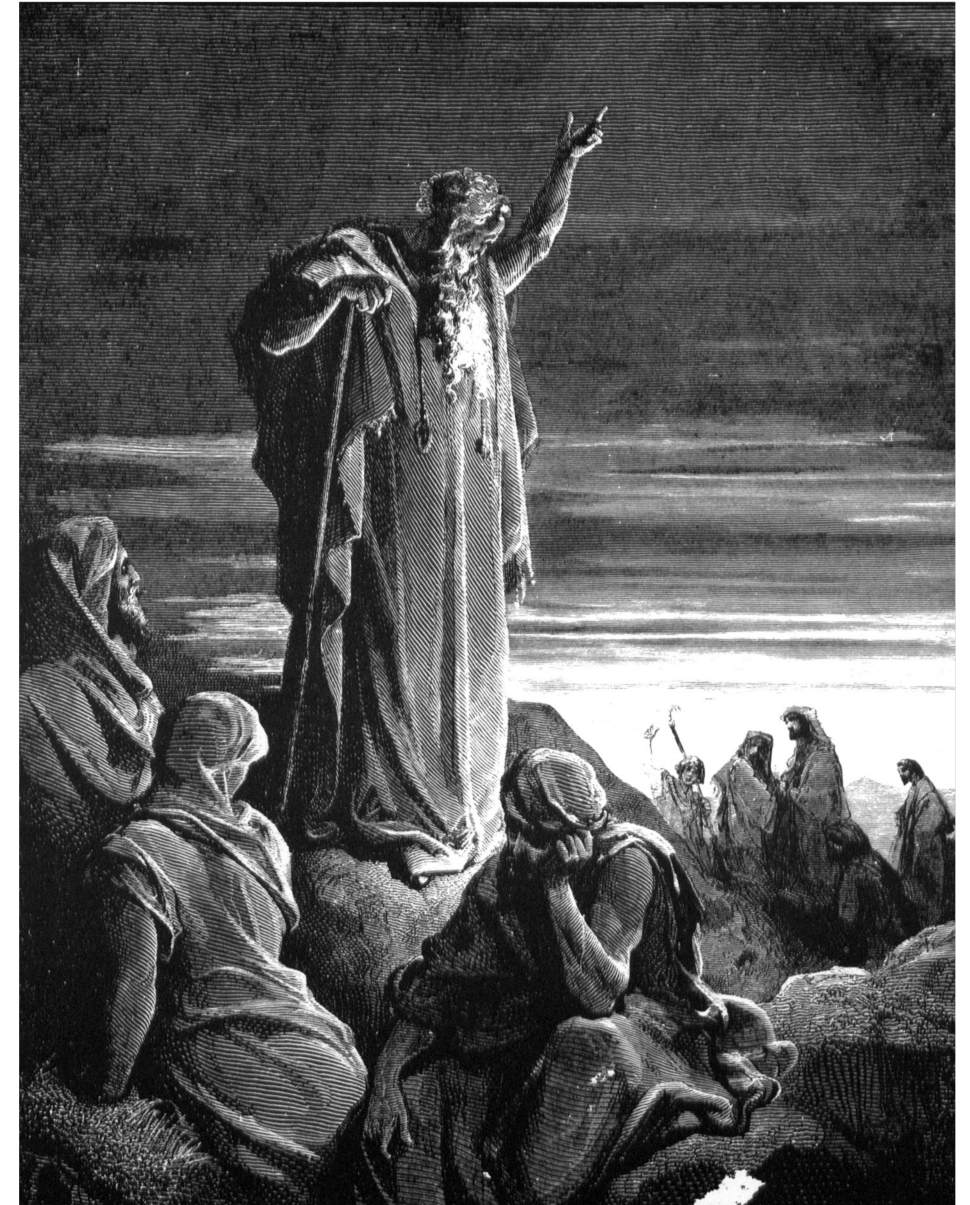
**HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 15:26-16:4**

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.



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For  
May 21, 2023  
Exaudi Sunday

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Today (21 May)**

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

**Tue. (23 May)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

**Sat. (27 May)**

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

**Sun. (28 May)**

9:00AM Adult Bible Study  
10:30AM Divine Service  
11:45AM Coffee Hour

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Christa & Jim Boileau

**Acolyte::** Milo Nelson

**Serving Next Sunday**

**Altar Guild:** Lori & John Hill

**Acolyte:** Paul Moeller

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

~~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 may 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.

**FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

Attendance May 14.....94  
General Fund Income..... \$4222.00  
Building Fund.....\$100.00  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget .....(\$278.83)  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions.

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

21 Apr. - Ps. 119:113-120 & Phil 3-4  
22 Apr. - Ps. 119:121-128 & Col.1-2  
23 Apr. - Ps. 119:129-136 & Col.3-4  
24 Apr. - Ps. 119:137-144 & 1Thes.1-3  
25 Apr. - Ps. 119:145-152 & 1Thes.4-5  
26 Apr. - Ps. 119:153-160 & 2Thes.1-3  
27 Apr. - Ps. 119:161-168 & 1 Tim. 1-3



**ALAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Dick & Chucki Davis in celebration of their son Josh's birthday and Cheryl Snook in celebration her sister Joy's birthday.



**Birthdays This Week**

Autumn Baker 5/24  
Mike Rehmert 5/25  
Pastor Tod Rappe 5/27

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

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



**Graduates:** Are you or your family member graduating from a high school or college this year? If so, please provide the church secretary, (Cheryl Snook) with the graduates information. (Name, date, school, future plans, ect.) We will be recognizing them on Sunday, June 4th.



**It's Time To Be doing Your Spring Cleaning** to get ready for the LWML yard sale. The yard sale will be Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. It's a great excuse to clean out your closets, cabinets, garage, etc. We ask that you place your items up in the attic on the right side only behind the blue tape. Thank you .

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**Season: Easter**

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This is the last Sunday in the Easter season! *What do you think the next church season is?*

**Church Paraments:** The church paraments are now **white**. White is used to represent purity and completeness. We now rejoice because Christ has triumphed over death, and white reinforces that joy. White also reminds us of in Isaiah 1:18: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be **white as snow**."

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**Parents:** Lydia knew the importance of God's Word. When Paul and others shared the news with Lydia and others that the promised Messiah had come in the person of Jesus to save all from sin, the Holy Spirit gave her a priceless treasure: faith in her Savior. God's Word is the everlasting truth and Jesus satisfies every living thing. There is a lot of confusion and lies from all outlets of technology and people! It is up to us to filter through this and guide and instruct our child(ren) in His Word. It is a serious matter and cannot take it for granted. And it even starts by our own words, actions, and attitudes, as parents. Let's continue to uplift and pray for one another :).

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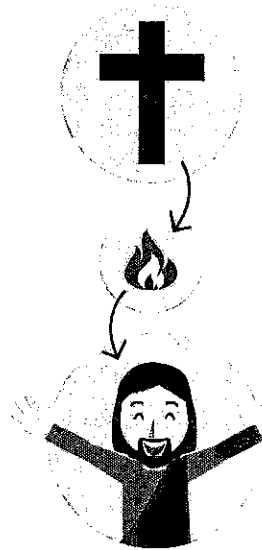
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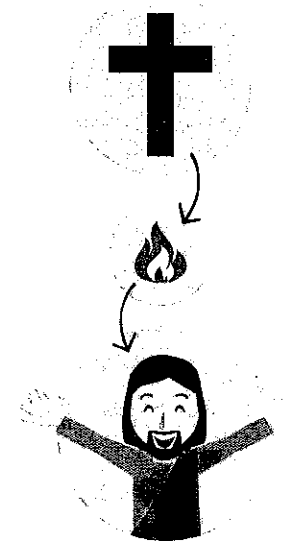
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