

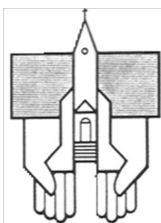
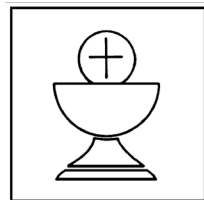
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 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
 Worship Bulletin



For 1 October 2023
TRINITY XVII

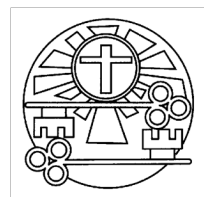
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 Organist: Holly Flansch
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Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of 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

And Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD;
 My horn is exalted in the LORD.
 I smile at my enemies,
 Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

"No one is holy like the LORD,
 For there is none besides You,
 Nor is there any rock like our God.

"Talk no more so very proudly;
 Let no arrogance come from your mouth,
 For the LORD is the God of knowledge;
 And by Him actions are weighed.

"The bows of the mighty men are broken,
 And those who stumbled are girded with strength.
 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 And the hungry have ceased to hunger.
 Even the barren has borne seven,
 And she who has many children has become feeble.

"The LORD kills and makes alive;
 He brings down to the grave and brings up.
 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
 He brings low and lifts up.
 He raises the poor from the dust
 And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
 To set them among princes
 And make them inherit the throne of glory.

"For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
 And He has set the world upon them.
 He will guard the feet of His saints,
 But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.
 "For by strength no man shall prevail.
 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces;
 From heaven He will thunder against them.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.
 "He will give strength to His king,
 And exalt the horn of His anointed."

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

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I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 14: 1-11

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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Psalm 100:2

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The first societies (sewing circles for the seminaries) were organized in the 1850s. In the early 1900s, area auxiliaries were formed for Lutheran hospitals and charities.

Achievements of the societies were so beneficial that not only the women but also a number of pastors and district officials envisioned the establishment of a Synod wide women's league. Beginning in 1928 several attempts were made to organize the league. When the promoters failed to achieve synodical approval, efforts focused on organization at the district level.

Responding to memorials (resolutions) from two of these district groups, the 1938 synodical convention established a committee to study “the problem.” Its 1941 report was favorable, and the Synod not only approved but encouraged the creation of a general organization of women. Five pastors were appointed to arrange a meeting of representatives from interested districts.

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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Why do we use a baptismal font?

Baptism is important in the lives of God's people. In Baptism you were given the forgiveness of sins, rescued from death and the devil, and given salvation. All of this comes to you through God's Word with the water in Baptism. The font reminds us of the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. It also reminds us that our old sinful self has been drowned, and a new person arises to live in faith!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the baptismal font to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the sign of the cross is made on the congregation, remind your child that the sign of the cross was made on them at their Baptism. It was there that they were marked as one redeemed by Christ.



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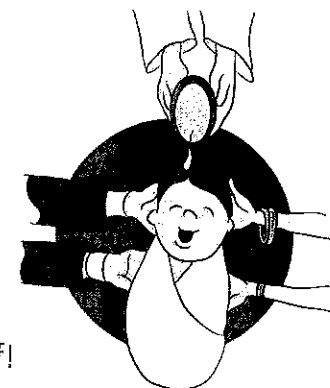
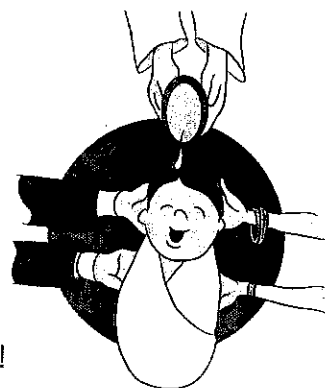
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Parents: The flood account is a reminder that God takes ALL sin very seriously. Thankfully, God is merciful and sends His Son to die in our place as punishment for our sin. And, as God washed away the Earth with the flood, our sins are washed away and we are reborn in Holy Baptism! We can rest securely in the Church as the people of God, knowing that Jesus will come again someday and will bring us to a perfect, new creation. Talk to your child(ren) about the importance of repentance and following the Lord—no matter what sinful actions and deceit they witness or learn about. Guide them on when we see a rainbow, it is a reminder of His promise and mercy.

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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL next Sunday, October 15th. Teachers will be away at Sunago.

2024 Lutheran Witness Subscriptions: If you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness, please see Cheryl Snook the church secretary. The cost is \$20.50 for a year. Deadline to have money & subscription in is next Sunday October 15th. Thank you..



Reformation Potluck will be Sunday, October 29th right after worship service. Please bring your favorite German dish to share or any dish. Volunteers also will be need to help with the games a activities. If you can help, please see Margi Beyersdorf. We also need volunteer's to set up and decorate the parish hall the day before on Saturday , around 10AM

Thank You Chaplain Nelson for filling in for Pastor Rappe today and next Sunday.

<u>WEEKLY EVENTS</u>	
Today	(8 October)
10:30AM	Divine Service
11:45AM	Church Council Meeting
11:45AM	Coffee Hour
Tue.	(October 10)
10:00AM	Matins & Bible Study
Sun.	(15 October)
9:00AM	Adult Bible Study
10:30AM	Divine Service
11:45AM	Coffee Hour
<u>Serving Today</u>	
Altar Guild:	Kim Steffen
Acolyte:	Gavin Collazo
<u>Serving Next Sunday</u>	
Altar Guild:	Chucki Davis
Acolyte:	Milo Nelson

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Ray & Gretchen Klingensmith in loving memory of both their mother's birthdays.



Birthdays This Week

Darline Rappe 10/12
Liam Willard 10/12



Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Nathan & Kaitlyn Glassley 10/12

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

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance October 1.....86
General Fund Income.....\$6195.25
Building\$100.00
Altar Guild..... \$50.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$1694.25
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

08 Oct. - Psalm 119:9-16 & Lamentations 1-2
09 Oct. - Psalm 119:17-24 & Lamentations 3-5
10 Oct. - Psalm 119:25-32 & Ezekiel 1-3
11 Oct. - Psalm 119:33-40 & Ezekiel 4-6
12 Oct. - Psalm 119:41-44 & Ezekiel 7-9
13 Oct. - Psalm 119:49-56 & Ezekiel 10-12
14 Oct. - Psalm 119:57-64 & Ezekiel 13-15

OPERATION INASMUCH needs the following items: Coffee, hot chocolate, grit envelopes, sweetener and creamer This is one of the missions that our LWML supports. The organization helps homeless men who want to change their lives by giving them a safe place to live and the opportunity to get their lives back on track. “ **Inasmuch as you did it for the least, you did it for me.” Matthew 25:40.**

We are Updating Our Member Photo Wall in the church narthex. Please see Darline Rappe to get a photo made or to update yours

The Altar Flower Committee is in charge of providing flowers every week. They are currently looking for more helping hands to serve! No professional skills or botanist background necessary, just a willing heart. If you are interested in serving a Sunday, or wanting more information, please talk to Margi B. or Alexandria T. Thank you!

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

We Need Volunteers to put the chairs in the parish hall up on the tables after coffee hour, so our janitor can clean under the tables. Thank you for volunteering to help.

Sunago Registration Forms Are on the table in the narthex. If you are planning on going, please fill out the form per registrant. Members and congregants of ORLC, please join us for the annual Sunago retreat. "Sunago", Greek word meaning "to lead together, to convene, or come together", is a great weekend of learning, studying God's Word, and relaxing with fellow LCMS churches from the Carolinas.

This year's topic is on God's Providence and will be led by Pastor Shoaff, pastor at Salem Lutheran. There is also fun free time by the water (you might be lucky to ride on Pastor's boat!) and campfires in the evening.

Dates are next Friday Oct.13th-Sun.Oct.15th at Riverbend Chapel 3550 Hafer Rd. Claremont, NC 28610. Registration Fee is \$40.00 per adult, \$25.00 Children under 10. Food is provided by each church group. Camping on site for tents and RV's is available as well as off-site accommodations. Registration forms are in the hallway. We look forward to being together!