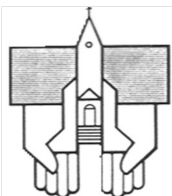
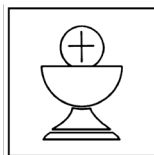


**OUR REDEEMER**  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
Worship Bulletin

**29 October 2023**  
**REFORMATION OBSERVED**

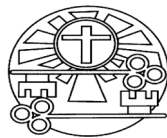
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Organist: Barbara Sexton

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**

God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
Even though the earth be removed,  
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though its waters roar and be troubled,  
Though the mountains shake with its swelling.  
There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,  
The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;  
God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.  
The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;  
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
Who has made desolations in the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;  
He burns the chariot in the fire.  
Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
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**EPISTLE**

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth - to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people - saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 11:12-19**

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

"But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying:

'We played the flute for you,  
And you did not dance;  
We mourned to you,  
And you did not lament.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."



**Grace Alone  
Faith Alone  
Scripture Alone**



**THE LADIES OF LWML** will be hosting a baby shower for alexandria Tate right after women's bible breakfast on Saturday, November 18th at 11:30AM. All women of the church are invited. She has about everything she needs but can always use diapers and baby wipes. We will meet at 9:00AM that morning to decorate the parish hall. Please come help us decorate if you can. She is having a **BOY**.



**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK NEXT  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
NOVEMBER 5**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Today (29 October)**  
10:30AM Divine Service  
11:45AM Pot Luck

**Tue. (31 October)**  
10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

**Sat. (4 November)**  
11:00AM Loci/Charlotte  
6-8PM Office Of The Keys/Confession

**Sun. (5 November)**  
9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:30AM Divine Service  
11:45AM Youth Confirmation  
11:45AM Coffee Hour

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Holly Flanscha  
**Acolyte::** Arthur Kolle

**Serving Next Sunday**

**Altar Guild:** Cheryl Snook  
**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.

**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 October 22.....85  
General Fund Income.....\$4355.25  
Building Fund.....\$20.00  
General Fund weekly difference from Budget ..... (\$145.58)  
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.  
Thank you for your Contributions.

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

29 Oct. - Psalm 120 & Daniel 10-12  
30 Oct. - Psalm 121 & Hosea 1-4  
31 Oct. - Jonah 2:2-9 & Hosea 5-7  
01 Nov. - Exodus 15:1-18 & Hosea 8-10  
02 Nov. - Psalm 122 & Hosea 11-14  
03 Nov. - Psalm 123 & Joel  
04 Nov. - Psalm 124 & Amos 1-5

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Snook in celebration of Reformation.



**Birthdays This Week**

Lauren Boileau 10/29  
Ken Tucker 10/29



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

**Reformation Potluck** today right after worship service. Please plan on staying for some good food. We will need help setting out the food and also help with clean up later.

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

**We Need Volunteers** to put the chairs in the parish hall up on the tables after coffee hour, every Sunday so our janitor can clean under the tables. We ask that you only stack two on top of each other, because if it is any more than that, the janitor has a hard time getting them down. Thank you for volunteering.

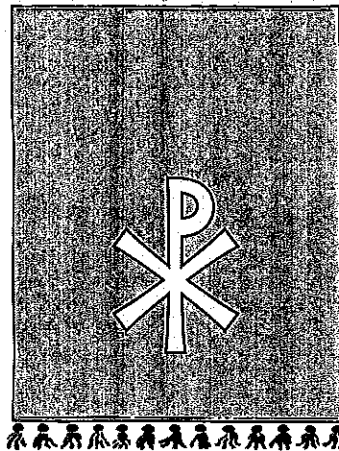


**Mark Your Calendars For Voters Assembly Meeting** will be Sunday January 20th right after worship service. We will be voting on the new church budget for the coming year and also we will be voting on the church officers that will be serving for the year 2024. If you would like to serve on the church council, please contact our Council Chairman, Wesley Price. All voting members are urged to attend. We must have a quorum.



**THE LWML CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be Saturday, December 2nd here at the church in the parish hall. We will meet at noon. The main dish will be catered by Luigi's. All ladies of the church are invited. We ask that you bring a salad and or breadsticks and/or a desert to share. You may also bring your Fine China Place Setting. If you are planning to attend, please sign your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please by your name let us know what your will be bringing to share. We will meet at 10:00AM that morning to decorate the parish hall and the church's Christmas trees.

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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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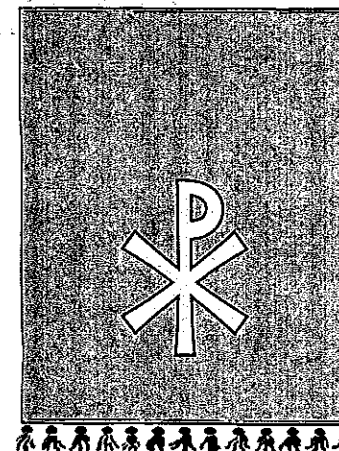
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