

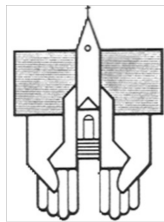
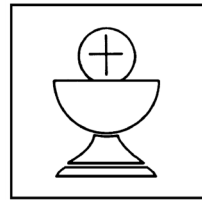
**OUR REDEEMER**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**Worship Bulletin**



**For 19 November 2023**  
**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

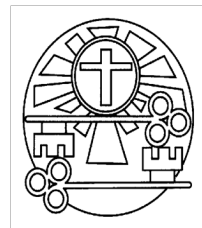
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 Organist: Barbara Sexton

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**

Awake, awake, put on strength,  
 O arm of the LORD!  
 Awake as in the ancient days,  
 In the generations of old.  
 Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart,  
 And wounded the serpent?  
 Are You not the One who dried up the sea,  
 The waters of the great deep;  
 That made the depths of the sea a road  
 For the redeemed to cross over?  
 So the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
 And come to Zion with singing,  
 With everlasting joy on their heads.  
 They shall obtain joy and gladness;  
 Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
 "I, even I, am He who comforts you.  
 Who are you that you should be afraid  
 Of a man who will die,  
 And of the son of a man who will be made like grass?  
 And you forget the LORD your Maker,  
 Who stretched out the heavens  
 And laid the foundations of the earth;  
 You have feared continually every day  
 Because of the fury of the oppressor,  
 When he has prepared to destroy.  
 And where is the fury of the oppressor?  
 The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed,  
 That he should not die in the pit,  
 And that his bread should not fail.  
 But I am the LORD your God,  
 Who divided the sea whose waves roared—  
 The LORD of hosts is His name.  
 And I have put My words in your mouth;  
 I have covered you with the shadow of My hand,  
 That I may plant the heavens,  
 Lay the foundations of the earth,  
 And say to Zion, 'You are My people.' "

**EPISTLE**

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse:  
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**

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We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.



## HOLY GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 9:18-26

While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.

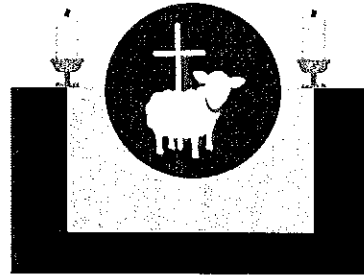
And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.



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It’s kind of scary to think that we might use an altar for sacrifice. We look at the altar through the eyes of the Gospel. On the top of the altar are often carved five crosses — one for each of the five wounds of Christ. They mark this altar as a place where no more blood sacrifices will occur. The only sacrifice needed was made on the cross. The altar is a place where Christ gives out the forgiveness He earned for us through His death and resurrection. Wow, the altar sure is an important place!



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**Sunday School Lesson:** We continued with Moses' account in “*The Egypt Exit*” (Exodus 14). Following ten terrible plagues, Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have not way of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in over them, so not one survives.

**Parents:** Surrounded by the evil of this world, it can get so overwhelming and exhausting, that we may lose hope and begin to doubt that God is with us. The Israelites felt it too. Thankfully, the Hebrew people received freedom from slavery to the Egyptians and a new life in the Promised Land. And God has delivered us from death by Jesus' blood! Talk with your child(ren) about these big feelings of potential doubt and feeling scared. Jesus takes all our sin and doubt to the cross!

**Ideas for this week:** At bedtime, say a prayer of thanks for God blessing us through the waters of Holy Baptism.

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Today (19 November)**

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

**Tue. (21 November)**

10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

**Sat. (25 November)**

6-8PM Office of the Keys/Confession

**Sun. (26 November)**

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

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild:** Karen & Randy Notestine  
**Acolyte::** Alex Hitt

**Serving Next Sunday**

**Altar Guild:** Christa & Jim Boileau  
**Acolyte:** Gavin Williams

**FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

Attendance November .....94  
General Fund Income..... \$4862,25  
Building Fund.....\$100.00  
Altar Guild.....\$40.00  
General Fund weekly difference from  
Budget .....\$361.42  
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 Nov. - Psalm 139 & Matthew 5-6  
20 Nov. - Psalm 140 & Matthew 7-8  
21 Nov. - Psalm 141 & Matthew 9-10  
22 Nov. - Psalm 142 & Matthew 11-12  
23 Nov. - Psalm 143 & Matthew 13-14  
24 Nov. - Psalm 144 & Matthew 15-16  
25 Nov. - Psalm 145 & Matthew 17-18



**Altar Flowers**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today  
are given to the glory of  
God by Catherine &  
Jacob Notestine in  
celebration of Catherine's  
birthday.

**Altar Flower Chart** for 2024 is hanging up in the church hallway next to the church office. Please honor a loved one/remember an important event or celebrate an event by signing up to sponsor flowers. The price is \$40.00 for both bouquets per Sunday.



**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 Ladies Of LWML** will once again be teaming up with The Cumberland County Department of Social Services providing toys and/or gift cards to children in foster care. The congregation is invited to participate. The toys this year that they could use most are: Baby dolls, doll houses, games, bicycles, stuffed animals, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, educational toys, cars, trucks, action figures, Lego's, Barbie dolls, coloring books, just to name a few. Please do not donate any small toys as they can be a choking hazard to small children. You can also donate gift cards as well. They prefer that the toys are not wrapped but you can put them into gift bags. We ask that you bring the toys/gift cards to the church no later than Sunday, December 3rd so we can get them to DSS. There are over 900 children in foster care here and Cumberland County who have been removed from their families because of abuse, neglect, or dependency. The holidays can be a very difficult time for many of these children. Thank you for helping

**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

**.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

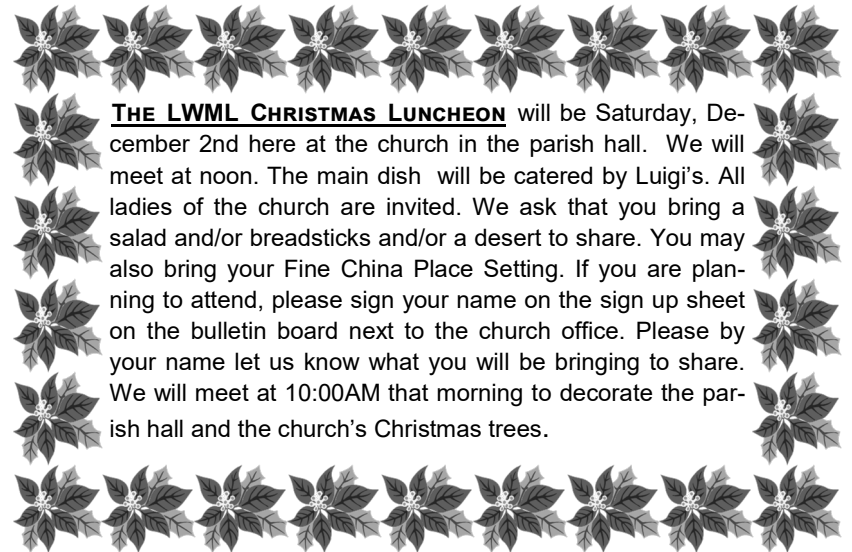


**Birthdays This Week**

Catherine Notestine 11/19  
Ray Klingensmith 11/24  
Kelly Tucker 11/25



**Poinsettias:** Please sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia. The cost is \$10.00. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Day Service. The sign up sheet is hanging up on the bulletin board next to the church office. Payment envelopes are provided.



**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 you will be bringing to share. We will meet at 10:00AM that morning to decorate the parish hall and the church's Christmas trees.