

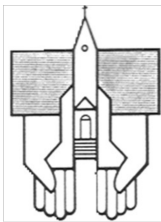
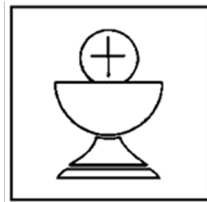


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 24 December 2023
CHRISTMAS EVE

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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

The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.'

"And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-19

EPISTLE

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Holy Gospel on reverse side.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation.....#341

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Announcements

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:19-28

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

He said: "I am

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Make straight the way of the LORD,"

as the prophet Isaiah said."

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Worship Bulletin
For
December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve

ST. STEPHEN DEACON AND MARTYR-DECEMBER 26

Stephen, the "protomartyr," was one of the seven deacons ordained by the apostles, and he was the first to die for his faith. In his death he closely imitated the death of Christ, praying for his executioners and commending his soul to the hands of God. The celebration of this feast was established very early in the church's life, and it is possible that the commemoration occurs on the actual day of Stephen's martyrdom.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST - DECEMBER 27

John the Divine the theologian, with his brother James and with Peter, formed the inner circle of the apostles. From a school of John, if not from the apostle himself, came the Fourth Gospel, the three epistles that bear his name, and Revelation. John is assumed to be the "beloved disciple" of the Fourth Gospel to whose care Jesus at the crucifixion entrusted his mother. Tradition says that John lived at Ephesus and there, in advanced age, died a natural death, the only one of the apostles not to die a martyr's death, John is usually symbolized by an eagle.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs December 28

The innocents were the children of Bethlehem, two years & one and under, killed by King Herod in his attempt to destroy the infant Jesus. Since they were killed for the sake of Christ, the church very early honored these Jewish babies as "the buds of the martyrs," killed by the frost of hate as soon as they appeared.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (24 December)
10:30AM Divine Service
7:00PM Candlelight Service

Mon. (25 December)
10:30AM Christmas/Divine Service

Sat. (30 December)
6-8PM Office Of The Keys/Confession

Sun. (31 December)
9:00AM Adult Bible Study
10:30AM Divine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Susanna Hitt
Acolyte: Bobby Baker

Serving Monday

Altar Guild: Terrie & Mike Rehmert
Acolyte: Matthew Oldenburg
Torch Bearers: Grace Heron & Naomi Oldenburg

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Lisa 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.

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance December 13.....48
Attendance December 17.....84
General Fund Income.....\$4177.87
Altar Guild.....\$80.00
Building fund.....\$100.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget(\$322.96)
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

24 Dec. - Psalm 23 & Isaiah 46-48
25 Dec. - Psalm 24 & Isaiah 49-51
26 Dec. - Psalm 25 & Isaiah 52-54
27 Dec. - Psalm 26 & Isaiah 55-57
28 Dec. - Psalm 27 & Isaiah 58-60
29 Dec. - Psalm 28 & Isaiah 61-63
30 Dec. - Psalm 29 & Isaiah 64-66



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Steve & Sandy Cage..



Birthdays This Week

Nicole Nelson 12/25
John Hill 12/26

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



Baptised Today Jeremiah Tod Tate. Son of Ronald & Alexandria Tate. Sponsors are: Pastor & Darline Rappe. We welcome Jeremiah into our family of God.

From Pastor & Darline Rappe: A Merry Christ-filled Christmas to the congregation of Our Redeemer, and the God of peace grant you all good things as are determined by the atonement.

NO MATINS This Tuesday or next Tuesday January 2nd. Matins will resume again January 9th.



Thank you from the Ladies of LWML for all those that donated toys and books to the children in foster care. It was greatly appreciated.

No Snday School next Sunday. Classes will resume again Sunday, January 7th.



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 your 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.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are located on the table in the narthex.

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.

Poinsettias were provided by the following members:

Kelly & Ken Tucker

Darline & Pastor Rappe

Chucki & Dick Davis

Lisa Smith

Ray & Gretchen Klingensmith

Lorri & Dave Rettig

Thank you for your purchase. You may take them home after the worship service tomorrow morning.