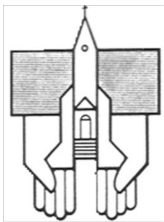
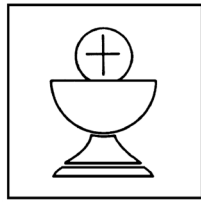


**OUR REDEEMER**  
**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
**Worship Bulletin**

**For 3 December 2023**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
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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**

'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

'In those days and at that time  
 I will cause to grow up to David  
 A Branch of righteousness;  
 He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.  
 In those days Judah will be saved,  
 And Jerusalem will dwell safely.  
 And this is the name by which she will be called:

**THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'**

"For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

**EPISTLE**

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 21:1-11

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your King is coming to you,  
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
Hosanna in the highest!"

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."



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**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

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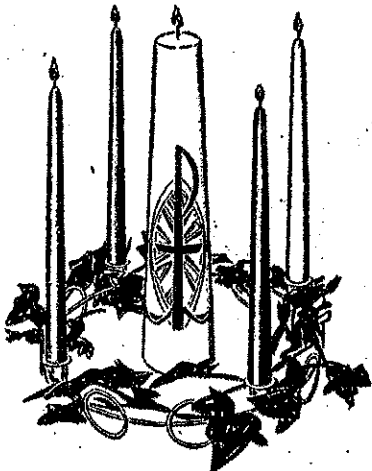
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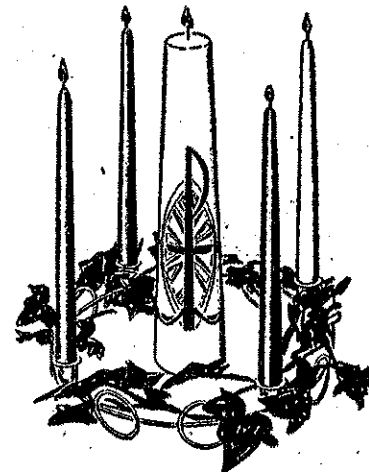
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