

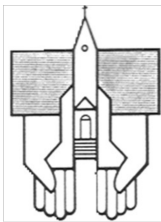
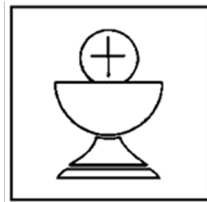


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 31 December 2023
First Sunday After Christmas

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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

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD
His delight is in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

ISAIAH 11:1-5

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Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

GALATIANS 4:1-7

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Holy Gospel on reverse side.

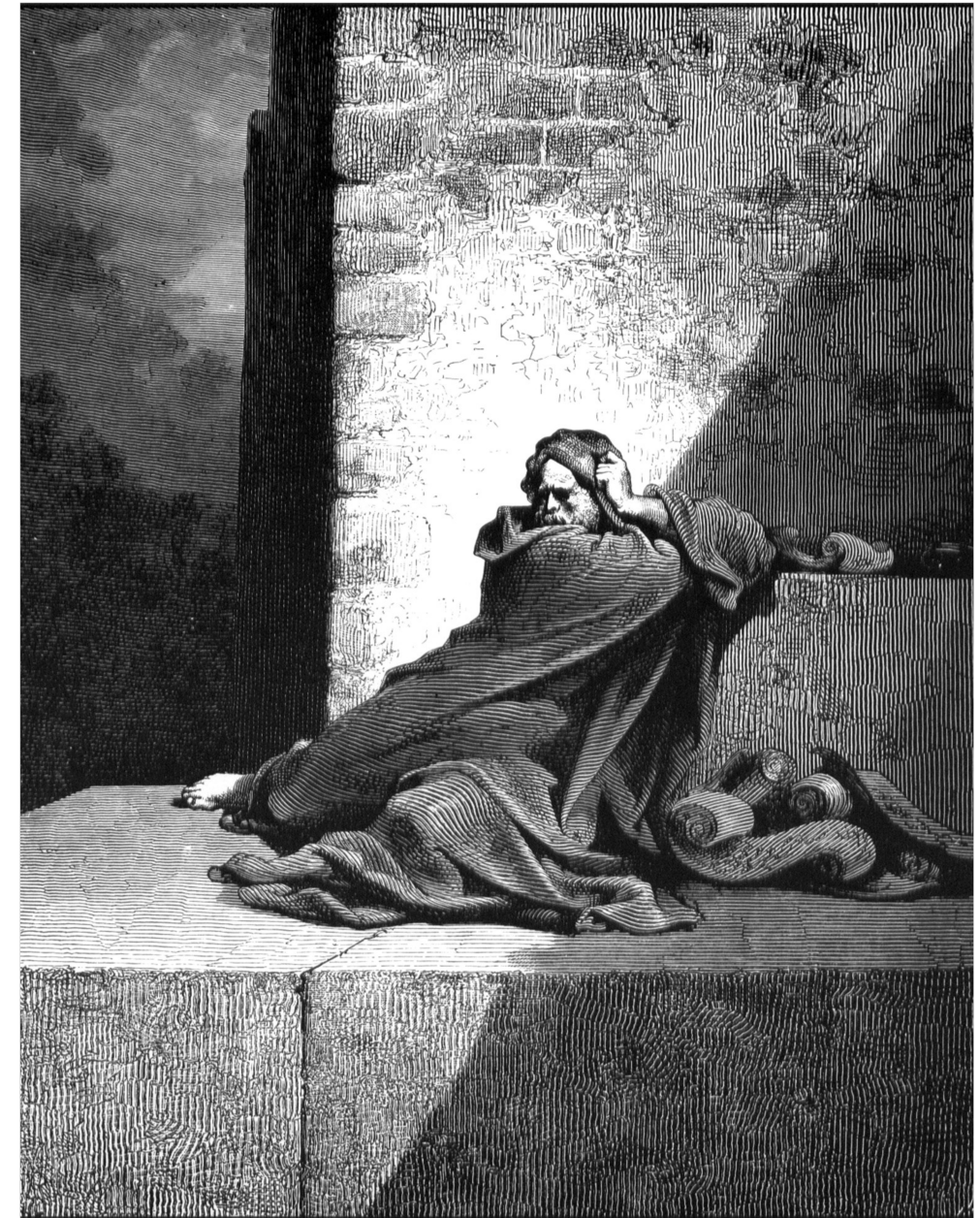
HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-32

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."



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For
December 31, 2023
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (31 December)

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

Mon. (1 January)

7:00PM Circumcision of Jesus/Divine Serv.

Sat. (6 January)

7:00PM Epiphany/Divine Service

Sun. (7 January)

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

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Liza Nelson

Serving Monday

Altar Guild Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Grace Heron
Torch Bearers: Matthew & Naomi Oldenburg

Serving Saturday

Altar Guild: Lorri & Dave Rettig
Acolyte: Bobby Baker
Torch Bearers: Moira Hitt & Liza Nelson

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Kim Steffen
Acolyte: Arthur Kolle

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.

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance December 24 (Day).....94
Attendance December 24 (Night).....105
Attendance December 25.....65
General Fund Income..... \$6310.25
Altar Guild\$40.00
Principal Payment on Mortgage....\$250.00
General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$1809.42
The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

31 Dec. - Luke 1:46-55 & Isaiah 43-45
01 Jan. - Luke 1:68-79 & Mark 2
02 Jan. - Psalm 30 & Mark 3
03 Jan. - Psalm 31 & Mark 4
04 Jan. - Psalm 32 & Mark 5
05 Jan. - Psalm 33 & Mark 6
06 Jan. - Psalm 34 & Mark 7



Altar & Flowers

are given to the glory of God by Cheryl & Sonny Snook in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays This Week

Titus Kolle 12/31
Heidi Baker 1/03



Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Cheryl & Sonny Snook 12/31

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

NURSERY ROOM is available for children 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.

WE NEED HELP taking down the Christmas tree in the sanctuary tomorrow night after worship service. Please stay and help if you can. Thank you



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.

No Matins This Tuesday. Matins will resume Tuesday January 9th at 10:00AM

We Are In Need of an Evangelism chairperson to serve on the church council for next year. If you are interested, please see church council chairman Wesley Price or any church council member.

Sunday School And Confirmation Classes will resume next Sunday, January 7th.

Flower Chart: There are still several Sundays open to sign up.

If You Purchased A Poinsettia don't forget to take it home.

Please Join Us For:

Monday January 1st Circumcision Of Our Lord/Divine Service @ 7:00PM

Saturday January 6th Epiphany/Divine Service @ 7:00PM