

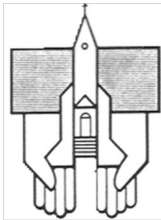
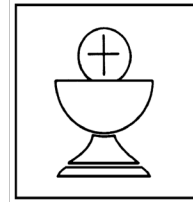


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin
For 18 February 2024

Invocavit
The First Sunday in Lent

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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

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this,
 You are cursed more than all cattle,
 And more than every beast of the field;
 On your belly you shall go,
 And you shall eat dust
 All the days of your life.
 And I will put enmity
 Between you and the woman,
 And between your seed and her Seed;
 He shall bruise your head,
 And you shall bruise His heel."

To the woman He said:
 I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
 In pain you shall bring forth children;
 Your desire shall be for your husband,
 And he shall rule over you."

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Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it'

"Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return."

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

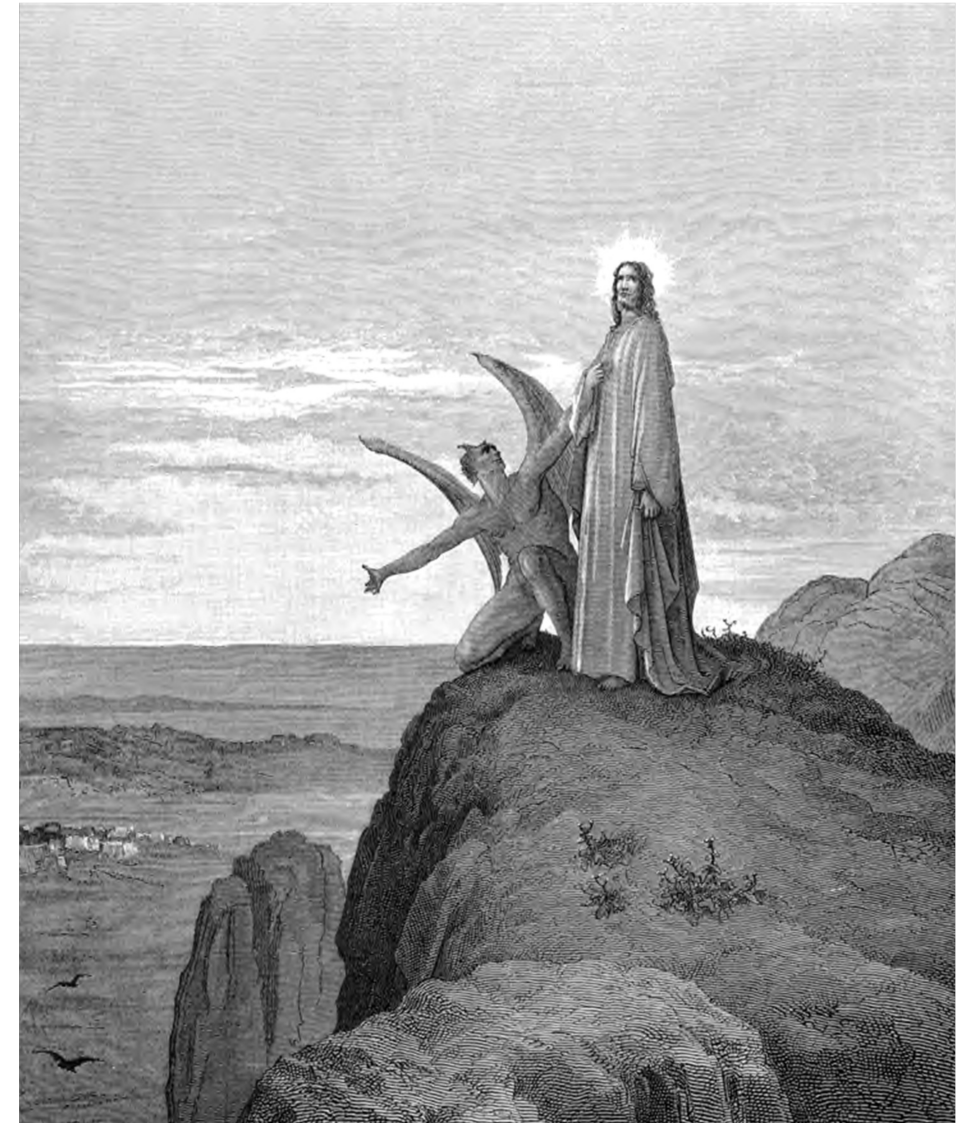
We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you and the day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (18 February)
 10:30AM Divine Service
 11:00AM Youth Confirmation
 11:45AM Coffee Hour

Tue. (20 February)
 10:00AM Matins & Bible Study

Wed. (21 February)
 7:00PM Evening Prayer

Sat. (24 February)
 6-8PM Office Of The Kyes/Confession

Sun. (25 February)
 9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
 10:30AM Divine Service
 11:45AM Youth Confirmation
 11:45AM Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Julie Thayer
Acolyte:: Arthur Kolle

Serving Wednesday

Altar Guild: Julie Thayer
Acolyte: Matthew Oldenburg
Torch Bearers: Bobby Baker & Naomi Oldenburg

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Notestine
Acolyte:: Matthew Oldenburg

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance February 11.....109
 General Fund Income..... \$5086.25
 Building Fund.....\$20.00
 General Fund weekly difference from Budget\$290.50
 The annual budget adopted by the Voters' assembly requires weekly giving of \$4795.75 to sustain it.
 Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

18 Feb. - Psalm 75 & Leviticus 10-12
 19 Feb. - Psalm 76 & Leviticus 13-15
 20 Feb. - Psalm 77 & Leviticus 16-18
 21 Feb. - Psalm 78 & Leviticus 19-21
 22 Feb. - Psalm 79 & Leviticus 22-24
 23 Feb. - Psalm 80 & Leviticus 25-27
 24 Feb. - Psalm 81 & Numbers 1-3



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Barbara Sexton.



Birthdays This Week
 Parker Buschhardt Notestine 2/18
 Mason Ulrich 2/20

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



It's Time To Be doing Your Spring Cleaning to get ready for the LWML yard sale. The yard sale will be Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st. It's a great excuse to clean out your closets, cabinets, garage, etc. We ask that you place your items up in the attic on the right side only behind the blue tape. Thank you .

Lenten Service will be this Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00PM. This year again we will be sharing supper prior to worship. Meals will begin at 6:00PM. If you are unable to bring a cooked dish to the suppers due to time constraints, children or the inability to cook, NEVER FEAR! We want you to come anyway! If you would like to bring bread, drinks or dessert that would be great. Our church family's attendance is the important thing. (But, of course, good cooking is great too!) The Lenten suppers are as follows:

- February 21-Soup & Sandwich Night/Chile Cook Off
- February 28- Taco Night
- March 6- German Night
- March 13- Piza/Italian Night
- March- 20-Cookout Night

DID YOU KNOW? During the Lenten Season we:

- ◆ Put away the Alleluias and the Hymn of Praise
- ◆ We enter the sanctuary with reverence and hold our conversations until we leave the sanctuary.
- ◆ We don't sing hymns during the distribution of the Sacraments.

We laud and magnify our Lord Jesus and His passion every season of the church year. Yet, this magnification is intensified during Lent. God speaks to us and we speak to God during the service. **We speak to each other after the service when we have left the sanctuary.** With quiet reverence, therefore, enter the sanctuary keeping in mind the exhortation from our Father:

"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46)

This Wednesday will be our first Lenten meal at 6:00PM. We will be having a Chile Cook -off with prizes for the top three winners! During supper we will be wishing Jake & Catherine Notestine farewell. Safe travels!

SAINT MATTHIAS-FEBRUARY 24:

Today the Church honor's St Matthias, chosen by the apostles to "take the office" of Judas Iscariot who committed suicide after betraying our Lord. "It was I who chose you" says the Lord. We are chosen by the Lord to the mission of love that characterizes the Lord's disciples, his followers, and his "friends," As we honor the apostle of the Lord, let us ask the Lord to make us disciples of genuine love of one another so as to learn to be obedient to the Lord, "you are my friends, if you do what I command you." St. Matthias was captured and blinded by cannibals on a mission to Ethiopia. He was rescued by St. Andrew, but met his death martyred bliss with an ax near the Caspian Sea.

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.

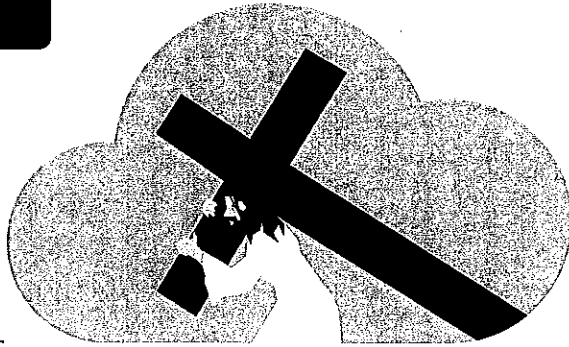
NURSERY ROOM

is available for children 5 years of age who are having difficulty the service. There is also a rocking chair Int he room. The room also has speakers in it to hear the service.

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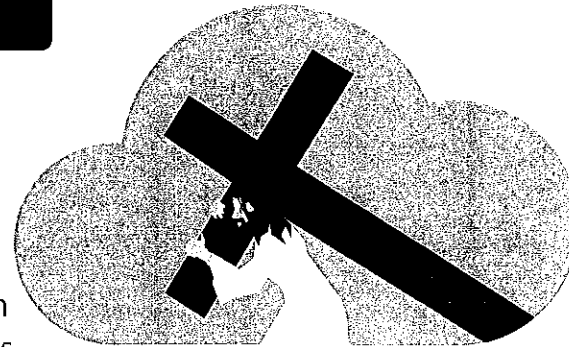
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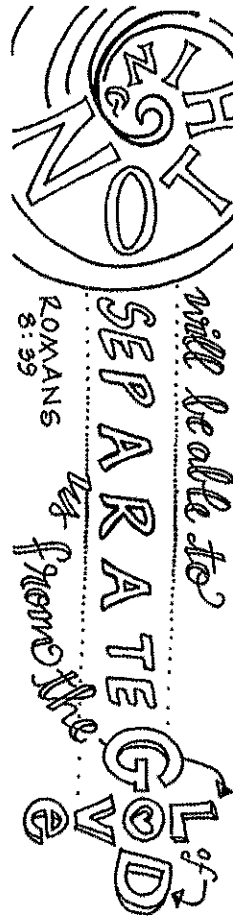
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