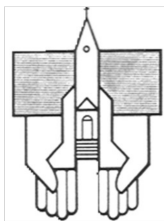
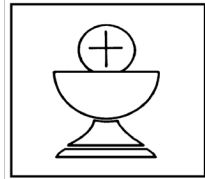


OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 14 December 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
GAUDETE

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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.

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.

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

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 to hear the service.

OLD TESTAMENT

Comfort, yes, comfort My people!"
Says your God.
"Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,
That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned;
For she has received from the LORD's hand
Double for all her sins."

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;
The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

The voice said, "Cry out!"
And he said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."
O Zion,
You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.
He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.

ISAIAH 40:1-11

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1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:1-11

Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Worship Bulletin
For
December 14, 2025
Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance December 343
Attendance December 7.....73
General Fund Income.....\$7044.00
Altar Guild.....\$100.00
Building Fund.....\$100.00
General Fund weekly difference from
Budget\$2215.46
The annual budget adopted by the Voters'
assembly requires weekly giving of
\$4828.54 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

14 Dec. - Psalm 13 & Isaiah 16-18
15 Dec. - Psalm 14 & Isaiah 19-21
16 Dec. - Psalm 15 & Isaiah 22-24
17 Dec. - Psalm 16 & Isaiah 25-27
18 Dec. - Psalm 17 & Isaiah 28-30
19 Dec. - Psalm 18 & Isaiah 31-33
20 Dec. - Psalm 19 & Isaiah 34-36



ALTAR FLOWERS today are
given to the glory of God by
Dick & Chucki Davis in
celebration of their son Josh's
birthday.



Birthdays This Week

Sandy Cage 12/18



Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Randy & Kim Steffen 12/20

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

Women's Bible Breakfast Next Saturday. December 20th at 10:00AM. All women are
invited. Please bring a dish to share.

Church Council Meets next Sunday, December 21st right after worship service. Open to
the congregation.



Mark Your Calendars For Voters Assembly Meeting will be Sunday January 18th
right after worship service. We will be voting on the church budget and be voting on
the church officers that will be serving for the year 2026. Positions that are open to
serve on the council are: Chairman, & Vice Chairman. If you are Interested in serv-
ing in any of these two positions or any positions on the council, please let chairman
Wesley Price or vice chairman Mike Rehmert know. All voting members are urged to
attend the meeting so we can have a quorum. Thank you!

Beginning January 1, 2026 we will no longer be providing offering envelopes. Our new
finance software goes by name only. When you make out your check, if it is other than for
your regular offering, please indicate in the memo section what it is for. If you are paying by
cash, envelopes for that will be on the table in the back of the church.

Altar Flower Chart for 2026 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.



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

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11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

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