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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel."*

Matthew 1:23a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 357 (st. 1-3)

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
 that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the
morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is
steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Advent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your
might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly
lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17 (ESV)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?"

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading: Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name

among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

357 (st. 4-7)

Sermon

“Do Not Fear!”

Offertory

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Link & Josie Reinhiller, on the birth of a grandson, Zack Wade Reinhiller;
- † Jim & Marty Black, on the birth of a grandson, Chancellor James Schroeder.

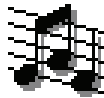


Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 116 Offerings: \$2,885.78

By God's grace we, like Paul, have been called to lives of obedience and good works that demonstrate we are loved by God and called to be His saints. By God's grace we grow as maturing stewards who do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all we do!

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas, when our King comes to save us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Handbells will ring “The First Noel” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Today in Sunday School the children study the birth of Jesus. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family, read Luke 2:1-20 together, and talk about the details of Christ’s birth. Talk about how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did. Focus on the fact that God’s Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

The Challenge of Islam: Please join us after worship for Bible class as we continue with Defending the Christian Faith.



Christmas Basket Silent Auction ends today at 8:30 a.m. Following worship, gift baskets may be taken home. Please make checks payable to LYF. Thanks to all of you who took part in making this a huge success for the LYF.

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hannover will be hosting its 42nd annual Christmas Concert today at 7:30 p.m. The choir and handbells invite everyone to come join in celebrating the birth of our Savior. Christmas goodies will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Concordia Youth Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Wednesday, December 22nd. Please meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. More voices are always needed! If you would like us to carol at your house and we have not been there in the past, please let Steve or Nona Blaisdell know. Join us for a wonderful night of Christmas Spirit!

Poinsettias: You may purchase your poinsettia and bring it to the church by Thursday, December 23rd or contribute towards the purchase of poinsettias. There is a box for donations on the table in the fellowship hall. Please make all checks payable to Bloom'n House. Please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647, if you have any questions.



We celebrate our Lord's birth with the Children's Christmas program Christmas Eve, 6:30 p.m. and with worship on Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School on December 26th and January 2nd.

Greeters are needed for 2011. Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to select the month you prefer. Thank you.

Theological Conference: The Church around the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, God made flesh, who comes to dwell among us—to save us. This is the Church's witness to the entire world—that Jesus came to die and rise for the sins of the world, that all who believe in Him will have eternal life. Is the Church's proclamation heard anymore in this crowded and cluttered world of sin and death? What importance is the Church's preaching and teaching today? Even within the Missouri Synod—do we have impact in this unbelieving world? For answers to these questions, join us for the Joint North Theological Conference on January 13-14, 2011 in Fargo, ND. Register online at www.regonline.com/911837.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10-11:00 am	Program Practice
	7:00 pm	<i>Christmas Program @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	6:45 pm	Bell Choir @ Zion
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	5:00 pm	LYF Caroling
Thursday	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
Friday	Christmas Eve	
	6:30 pm	Children's Christmas Program
Saturday	Christmas Day	
	8:30 am	Service of Carols & Readings
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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