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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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"For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:4

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 902

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Introit

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;

forget not the afflicted.

The Lord is king forever and ever;

the nations perish from his land.

O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

you will strengthen their heart;

you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will

be forever. Amen.

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;

forget not the afflicted.

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Heavenly Father, You have shown us what giving is all about. You gave Your only Son so that He might give us eternal life. You give us all we need and beyond. The words of David the Psalmist say it all: "You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). We ask that Your Holy Spirit work in us so that we learn gratitude for Your gifts and the desire to emulate Your giving. Sanctify us by the truth; Your Word is truth. Amen.

Old Testament: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (ESV)

Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:32-35 (ESV)

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:1-4 (ESV)

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And He said, *"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

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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: Margaret Dosland
(Brian Scherer's sister-in-law), Erwin Eisenbeis,
Harold Link, Gail Newland (Berniece Homuth's
daughter), & Norman Yeager.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings
and Attendance**

Worship: 100 Offerings: \$1,875.25

Paul states that he was once a child, talked like a child, thought like a child and reasoned like a child. But God's Spirit moved him to mature as God's child and steward. This same miraculous change is taking place in our lives as we give evidence through words and actions that we are blessed to be blessings to others.

Excel in the Grace of Giving: Last Sunday, the message in our stewardship program “Excel in the Grace of Giving” focused on “Overcoming Greed.” Today our theme is “More Blessed to Give.” God has ordained that we are blessed more through our giving than those who receive our gifts. Jesus said in Acts 20:34, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* The Lord promises that as we give we will be blessed and refreshed so we can continue to give. *“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God”* (2 Corinthians 9:11). Please join us next week as we continue our series, “Excel in the Grace of Giving.”

Haiti Relief: There is a basket in the entryway for offerings to help with relief and restoration following the earthquake in Haiti. All donations will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check out to Concordia Lutheran Church and designate it Haiti Relief. Our Synod’s ongoing work in Haiti can be followed at <http://www.lcms.org/help>. *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me (Matt 25:40).”*

Today in Sunday School: Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you who Jesus healed. What were some of the sicknesses the people had? Talk about sin—yours, theirs, the world’s and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

The February calendar, Pray for Us calendar and children’s “Happy Times” are in the black stacking trays on the table in the fellowship hall.

Commitment Forms: Next Sunday, February 7th, we invite you to return your completed commitment form. You are invited to place it in an envelope, if you wish. If you do place it in an envelope, please write your name on the outside of the envelope. You should have received a commitment form in the mail. There are extra forms available in the black stacking trays on the table in the social hall.



If you need a ride to Church, please call Blake Wiedrich, 873-4346, Terence Schmidt, 873-4898, or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

2010 Contribution Envelopes are on the table in the entryway by the outside door. Please take them home with you today.



Greeters are needed for 2010. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Fishers of Men: During the month of February the LWML will be collecting TUNA for Women's Action Resource Center. A table is set up for your donations. Thank you.

Found: A wristwatch and ring were found in the church. To claim them, please talk to Pastor Heller.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today 7:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service
 10:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Monday 9:00 am Circuit Pastors @ Hannover

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class
 3:30 pm Topic Leaders

Wednesday 6:00 pm Chime Practice
 6:30 pm Wednesday School
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 1:30 pm Vesper Guild

Sunday 7:30 am *Worship at Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service
 10:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.

*The cards should be filled out whether or not you attend
Communion.*

Place completed cards in the collection plate.

Thank you.