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The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with
Me in Paradise."*

Luke 23:43

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 516

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Introit

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and earth!

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.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

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Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.' "

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine," says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation,

**They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:13-20 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 23:27-43 (ESV)

And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Christ Our King

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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: Elsie Buchmann, Marilyn Helm, Leon Korbyn, Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 132 Offerings: \$2,752.00

Because we are God's children by His grace through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are prepared to live our lives as His stewards freely and joyfully, not out of forced obligation. What a difference between "having to" and "getting to!"

Welcome to worship this morning. On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we are reminded that Christ is our King. He established His kingdom through His passion and death. He now rules and protects His Church and governs over all the world, especially for the benefit of His Church. On the last day, He will lead His Church to the glory of heaven. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, “The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom” (2 Tim. 4:19). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Handchime choir will ring “This is My Father’s World” during the offering.

Today in Sunday School the story of Jacob and Esau will be studied. It is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism, and family squabbling. These are sins that afflict every family. Amidst this chaos, God acted with grace toward all of them—and to us. God continued to prepare to keep His promise of giving a Savior for all people. In your devotion time this week, review this story and the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its explanation; especially note God’s love that He gives “only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me” so you may Grow in Christ.

Please join us next Sunday for Bible class as we continue with The Challenge of Islam (Part Two): Defending the Christian Faith.

“You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145;16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 24th, 6:30 p.m.



Church Decorating: The Church will be decorated for Christmas next Sunday, November 28th, 1:00 p.m.

LYF meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Bible study, games and snacks are planned.



Christmas Basket Silent Auction continues until December 19th. This is a great fundraiser for the LYF. Baskets are on display in the fellowship hall. Its not too late to bring a basket.

Gerald Bieber has been appointed to complete the term of Chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

Board of Education: We are in need of a Chairman on the Board of Education. If you are interested in filling this office, please talk to Myron Hafner.

Church Cancellation: In the event that worship services or other activities need to be cancelled, especially due to weather, please check the church's website, www.concordiabeulah.org. We will also send out an email notification when worship is cancelled for those members who have provided us an email address. You should also be able to call the church, 873-4388, and receive an update.

Elsie Buchmann would like to thank all who came to her assistance last Sunday.

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.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Mission Update
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Tuesday 9:00 am Deadline for December calendar items

Wednesday 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service

Friday Church Office Closed

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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