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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 # 376

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down
righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

The heavens declare the glory of god, and the sky above proclaims
his handiwork.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (ESV)

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' "

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 16:25-27 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

“Alleluia” p. 190

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Apostles' Creed p. 192

Hymn of the Day # 370

Sermon *“May it be to me as you have said”*

Offertory p. 192

Offering

The Handchimes will ring, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Reception of New Member

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 194

Distribution Hymns 357, 387

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Benedicamus and Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn # 383

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,

† Betty Hausauer;

† Marlin Rueb & Family, as they mourn Ruth's death;

† Wade, as he becomes a member of Concordia;

† Leon & Corrine Walz (2362 Glasbern Circle,
West Melbourne, FL 32904).

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!

Today, we welcome Wade Becker to the family of Concordia. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine, he today confesses his faith in Jesus Christ and his desire to be a member of this Church. “Whosoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven (Matthew 10:32).”



Today in Sunday School the students study “An Angel Visits Joseph.” Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaimed to us in His Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. Parents could ask, *“What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God’s Word?”*

Please join us after worship for coffee and fellowship.

“God Loves Me Dearly”: Our mid-week Advent services continue this Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30 pm. The theme of our midweek services comes from the beloved children’s Christmas hymn “God Loves Me Dearly.” Soup and sandwiches will be served by the Council before worship, beginning at 5:30 pm. The Handbell Choir will be playing special music as part of our worship.



LYF Gift Basket Silent Auction ends today. Following services 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 again this year.

Marine Toys For Tots: Toys are being collected for the Marine Toys For Tots. Please place all toys on the table in the social hall.



All toys must be new and unwrapped. There is also a basket for cash donations. More information can be found at www.toysfortots.org. **Today, December 18th, is the**

deadline for all donations.

2002 Offering Envelopes: 2012 offering envelopes are ready. Please take yours home.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Ruth Rueb. Christian burial was this past Thursday. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Philippians 1:21)."

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 the church office with an email address. You should also be able to call the church, 873-4388, for information on cancellations.



January greeters are needed. The 2012 greeters list is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 147 Offering: \$4,335.00

Watch and wait with joyful expectation. Paul is sending his greetings to the saints living in Rome and encouraging them to be faithful witnesses of Jesus so that many others may be saved through the precious Gospel of Jesus. May we sing the praises of God with joy as faithful stewards of the Gospel until our Lord returns!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30-11:45 am	Children's Program Practice
	4:00 pm	LYF Christmas Caroling
	7:00 pm	<i>Children's Program @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	6:45 pm	Chime & Bell Choir @ Zion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches—Council
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	6:30 pm	<i>Advent Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Saturday	Christmas Eve	
	6:30 pm	Children's Christmas Program
Sunday	Christmas Day	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*