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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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*Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory  
to your Father who is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation** # 578 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

**Introit**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

How can a young man keep his way pure?

**By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I seek you;

**let me not wander from your commandments!**

I have stored up your word in my heart,

**that I might not sin against you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

With my lips I declare

**all the just decrees of your mouth.**

In the way of your testimonies I delight

**as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts

**and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;

**I will not forget your word.**

**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.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

**Kyrie** p. 152

**Glory to God** p. 154

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your might power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 58:3-9a (ESV)

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

**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:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 580
<b>Sermon</b>	Salt and Light
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>“What Shall I Render”</b>	p. 159
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<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 560, 629, 632
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 698

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: Melwon Huber, Milly McKenzie,  
Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel;

† Bernie & Eileen Keller & family on the death of Eileen's sister,  
Ruth Ellwein.

**Welcome to worship** in this season of Epiphany, the time of the Church Year we celebrate God appearing to us in human body. Our Gospel lesson this morning teaches us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world in Jesus Christ. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.



**Special Music:** The Handchime choir will ring “Here I Am to Worship” during the offering.

**Today in Sunday school,** the lesson focuses on Jesus’ words about salt and light in His Sermon on the Mount. The Bible story tied to this teaching is recorded in Acts 9:36-43, the story of Dorcas. Ask your children about Jesus’ words. When are we salty and shining as lights? How can we lose our saltiness and light? Where does our salt and light come from? How was Dorcas salt and light?

**Facing Disaster Like A Man:** “Why” and “Why me?” are never far from our lips when disaster strikes. Though disasters, even those of our own making, can turn our lives upside down, God is still in command. Please join us as we begin this Bible study this morning.



**LWML** is hosting a Valentine Party at Knife River Care Center, Saturday, February 12th at 2:30 p.m.

**Please Note:** The LWML meeting which was scheduled for today has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 13th, 1:30 p.m.

**The Handbell choir** invite you to a “Meet Jack Rivers Party” next Sunday, February 13th, 4:00 p.m. Jack is the new grandson on Keith and Cindy Peterson. If you have any questions please visit with any member of the Handbell Choir.



**Contribution Statements** for 2010 are in your Church mailbox this morning. Please remember to take yours home with you this morning.

**Offering envelopes:** The 2011 offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please remember to take yours home with you this morning.

**The Church Library has been updated.** There are many books available on Parenting, Self-Help, Marriage, Youth, Christian Education, Aging, Individual Bible Studies, Religions and Leaders, Fiction, Family, Martin Luther, Devotions, Cookbooks, and Children's Books.



There are many additional books and Christian videos for children of all ages in the education wing as well as numerous Bible studies for groups. Take the time to see if there is something that would interest **you** in the library!

When the library was updated several books were duplicated or out of date, and are available for anyone to have. The box will be in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take any of these items home. Thank you.

**Stamp Collection:** LWML will continue to collect stamps as we now have a location to mail the stamps collected. Stamps are sold to a stamp collector and any dollars received are sent to LCMS Missions. It is recommended that a one-fourth inch border be left around each stamp. Please leave your stamps on the LWML table in the fellowship hall.



**LYF Spring Retreat:** Grades 8 and up are invited to attend the ND District LYF Retreat at the Chieftain Conference Center, Carrington, ND, March 4-5. Brochures are on the table in the social hall. Registration deadline in February 27th. Please talk to Steve and Nona Blaisdell for more information, 873-5426.



### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 91 Offerings: \$2,312.00

St. Paul considered himself and his fellow missionaries to be servants who helped other people to believe in the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ, and to serve Him with pure hearts and motives. During this season of Epiphany (when Christ demonstrated His divine nature) we can also demonstrate that we really are God's people who love to give and live as His sons and daughters.

### **This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Chime Practice
	6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
Saturday	2:30 pm	LWML Valentines Party @ KRCC
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	1:30 pm	LYF Meeting
	4:00 pm	Meet Jack Rivers Party

#### **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.  
Thank you.*