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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips.*

*Psalms 45:2a*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 435

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**Introit**

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**for the Lord our God is holy!**

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**Holy is he!**

The King in his might loves justice.

**You have established equity; you have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

**Holy is he!**

**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.**

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**for the Lord our God is holy!**

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**Glory to God**                                      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament: Exodus 24:8-18 (ESV)**

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**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: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy

mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "*This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.*" When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "*Rise, and have no fear.*" And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "*Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.*"

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His Covenant of Blood

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P Everlasting God,

C great is Your glory.

**Offering**

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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: Lisa Burger (Lorraine Sorge’s sister), Carolyn Johnson (Julie Dschaak’s mother), Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud’s father), & Carolyn Riegel.

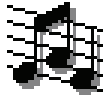


**Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 112 Offerings: \$2,445.48

St. Peter was privileged to see with his own eyes the splendor of Christ’s glory when He was transfigured [changed] to demonstrate that He truly was the eternal, divine Son of God. That experience changed Peter forever and assured him that by God’s grace he was called to be a witness to the way of salvation through Christ. Like Peter, we are at our best as God’s stewards when we freely and sacrificially give generously to help the kingdom of Jesus Christ expand throughout our communities and into the world.

**Welcome to worship** on the Transfiguration of our Lord. In our Lord's transfiguration, we see the divine glory of the Lord Jesus Christ shine through His human body. The Transfiguration teaches us the certainty of eternal life for all believers in heaven. As Moses and Elijah beheld the Lord in all His glory, so we too will live in the presence of His glory forever. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**Special Music:** The Handbell Choir will ring "Morning Has Broken" during the offering.

**Today in Sunday School,** the students hear another portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The theme? Do not worry! Talk with your children about how God has provided for them physically by using Luther's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed. Ask your children to list the blessings God gives your family in this life. Then talk about the eternal and spiritual blessings that God gives through His Son, Jesus. What do you worry about? How has God answered that worry?

**"The Miraculous Darkness"** is the theme of our Ash Wednesday worship. Please join us for Bible class this morning as we study the three hours of darkness that covered the land when Jesus hung on the cross.

**Ash Wednesday,** March 9th, marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Our midweek services during the season of Lent will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 p.m. Chime practice will be at 5:00 p.m. and Handbell choir will be at 7:15 p.m. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information on our midweek worship.

**On Ash Wednesday,** we continue the historic practice of the Lord's Church of marking the forehead of the penitent with ashes. We remember that this is an act which is neither commanded nor forbidden in Scripture. We offer the marking of the forehead with ashes for those who desire it. The ashes are a powerful reminder to us of what Ash Wednesday means. The ashes symbolize repentance. We came from dust and, because of sin, to dust we shall return. The ashes remind us of the need for cleansing, purifying, and renewal in our hearts and lives.

**Large print hymnals** are available for use. Please talk to an usher.



**Daylight savings time** begins Sunday, March 13th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!

**Mark March 7th** on your calendar! Dave Anderson and Kelly Patten will be presenting a concert of Gospel music at St. Matthew, Hazen, 7:00 p.m. The program will include Gospel songs, hymns, old Sunday School songs, some contemporary praise and worship music plus some of what Dave calls, "message songs". Dave will also tell The Rescue Story, the story of he and Barb and five others surviving a plane crash in the Bering Sea. This is an evening you will enjoy!



**The Knife River Care Center** birthday party will be on Wednesday, March 9th, 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please contact Cheryl Wiedrich at 873-4346 for more information.

**Jerald & Monica Isaak** are the new owners of J & M Hardware (formerly Gordon & Rita's Do It Best). From March 9 -12, they will donate 5% of each purchase to the youth program of area churches. All that you have to do is let them know what church you would like the 5% donated to at the time of purchase.

**The City of Beulah** is looking for volunteers to fill sandbags on March 11, 12, 13, & 14 at the Beulah Civic Center. More information has been posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**It's Official!** The Bismarck-Mandan LCMS Youth Council will host a YMCA Lock-in March 25-26th at the Missouri Valley Family YMCA,



Bismarck for students in grades 6 -12. Registration begins at 9:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Micah Parker (aka the Trust Guy). Micah is a highly rated national speaker who will leave the students with a message they will not soon forget. Learn more about him at [www.trustguyministries.com](http://www.trustguyministries.com).

Swimming, pizza, free time, a light breakfast and MUCH more are planned. Registration forms will be available after March 1st. Cost is \$20. For more information, contact Steve & Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	1:30 - 3:00 pm	LYF Bowling, meet at Molco Lanes
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ KRCC
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Beulah
Tuesday	10:15 am	KRCC Communion
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Chime Practice
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - LWML
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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

*Thank you*