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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*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**                # 605

**Holy Baptism**                        p. 268

**Introit**

My soul magnifies the Lord,

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

My mouth derides my enemies,

**because I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like the Lord;

**there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**

The barren has borne seven,

**but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The Lord kills and brings to life;

**he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

**he brings low and he exalts.**

My soul magnifies the Lord,

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**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:** Micah 5:2-5a (ESV)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

**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:** Hebrews 10:5-10 (ESV)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' "

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Hymn of the Day** # 934

**Sermon** "The Lord is with you"

**Offertory** p. 192

**Offering**  
*The Handbell Choir will ring "Away in a Manger" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 194
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 361, 370, 357
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 199
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<b>Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	p. 201
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 352

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,**

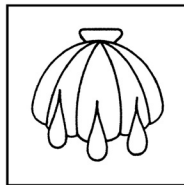
† Kevin Baszler;

† Trevor, baptized today;

† Brenda and family, as they mourn Dale's death.

**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!

**This morning**, we rejoice that Trevor James Anvik, the son of Billy & Crystal Anvik, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord's most gracious promise, Trevor is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death, and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. To God alone be the glory for this most precious washing of new life!



**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 brother in the faith, Dale Weigum. Christian Burial was this past Thursday, December 20, 2012. "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die (John 11:25-26)."

**Children's Shopping Spree:** On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, nine youth were taken on the annual Shopping Spree. I would like to thank Bernie Keller for driving, Faron Scherer, Jean Bornemann and Lorraine Sorge for helping the children shop and Diana Helm for helping with the gift wrapping. Also "THANKS" to the congregation for allowing this program to continue.



Ray Sorge



### **Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance**

Worship: 203    Offering: \$4,014.00

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." Paul says that the way to chase off anxiety and worry is with prayer: both requesting and thanking God for His gifts. Every gift we have is from him. That's the starting point for our stewardship as well: everything we have is a gift of God.

**+ This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	Christmas Eve	
	6:30 pm	Service of Carols & Readings
Tuesday	Christmas Day	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for January calendar information
	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	11:00 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.*