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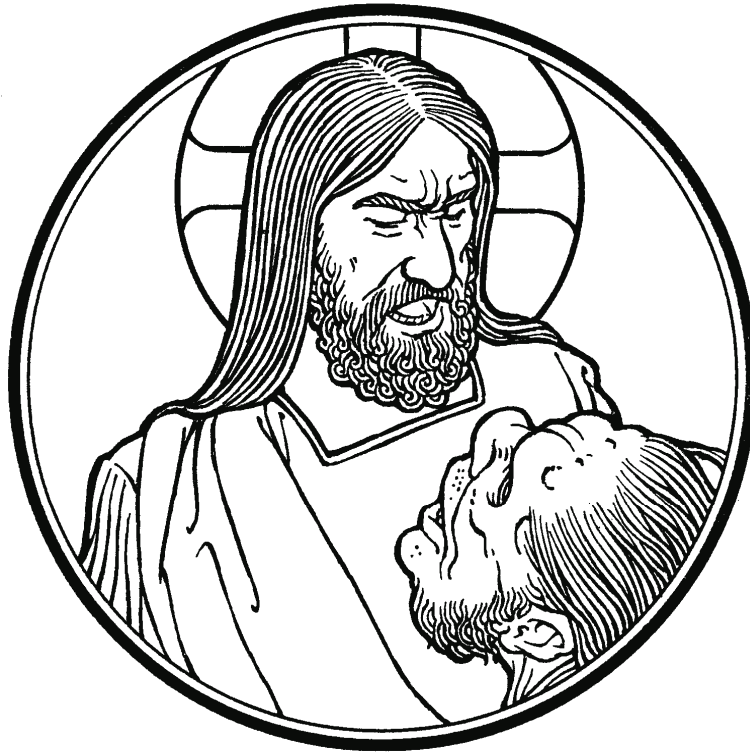
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Beulah, North Dakota

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*They were astonished at His teaching,  
for He taught them as one who had authority.*

*Mark 1:22a*

**DIVINE SERVICE**      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**      # 394

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
    **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts  
    in the Lord.**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
    **whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no  
iniquity,

**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my  
iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the  
    Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a  
time when you may be found;

**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not  
    reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from  
trouble;

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**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.**

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    in the Lord.**

**Kyrie**      p. 152

**Glory to God**      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

**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 8:1-13 (ESV)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "*Be silent, and come out of him!*" And

the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 159
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 541 [tune: Consolation]
<b>Sermon</b>	"Have You come to destroy us?"
<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>	# 849, 620, 528
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<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 166
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 166
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 842

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick and recovering: Violet Jose & Tiffany Scherer.

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

Worship: 71 Offerings: \$1,585.00

As God's redeemed Epiphany Christians we are free to eat, drink and do many things that are part of Christian freedom, but St. Paul reminds us to be aware of the consciences of others so that we do not use our freedom in a way that offends them. Part of good Christian stewardship is doing only those things that build one another up instead of tearing one another down!

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “appearance.” In this season of Epiphany, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday School** the lesson focuses on the story of “Jesus and the Little Children.” In our sin, we are like small children: helpless, dependent, and needy. So Jesus came to bestow His love and eternal gifts upon us. Parents could discuss, *“How did Jesus show His compassion on these little children? How does Jesus shower His compassion on us?”*

**Joseph: Carpenter of Steel:** Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of this courageous saint of God.

**Topic Leaders** will meet Tuesday, January 31, 3:30 pm.

**Greeters** are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**February** calendar and birthday sheet, Pray for Us calendar and children’s devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up any copies you wish.

**Unapproved** November Voters Meeting minutes are available for everyone to read before asking for approval of these minutes at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting. Copies are on the table in the social hall.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW AND  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE CHANGES  
Concordia Lutheran Church {LCMS}  
Beulah, North Dakota**

The following proposals were adopted by the Church Council on January 18, 2012 and will be brought before the Voting Membership on February 12, 2012. This notification of the proposed changes fulfills Article XI.b. of the Constitution, By-law VII.b., and Standard Operating Procedure IV.b.

**By-law VI.4.b.**

Current

All elected officers and directors may succeed themselves in the office only once.

Proposed

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In addition, all necessary changes to the standard operating procedures to be in conformity with the change to by-law VI.4.b.

**Standard Operating Procedures**

**Section III.K. Chairman of Young Peoples Work**

Current

1. Shall be a male voting member

Proposed

1. Shall be a ~~male~~ voting member

In addition, all necessary changes to Article IV.C. of the Constitution to be in conformity with the change to SOP III.K.1.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

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

Tuesday      2:00 pm    Bible Class  
                 3:30 pm    Topic Leaders

Wednesday   7:00 pm    Chime Practice  
                 7:30 pm    Bell Practice

Thursday     1:30 pm    Vesper Guild

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

**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.*