

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Christmas Day



*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the birth of our newborn King Jesus! Today, we remember and rejoice in the words of the angel, *“I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”* (Lk 2:10-11). Visitors, please sign our guestbook and worship with us again soon.

Divine Service

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked
salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the
nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of
our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

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and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Gradual

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And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the

right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'") For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

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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,

- † Ernie Riegel, who has become a resident of the Knife River Care Center;
- † Kim Senske and Family, on the death of Kim's father-in-law.

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Announcements



Because of the holidays, no coffee will be served following worship this morning and January 1.

It's time for a new church pictorial directory! Pictures will be taken January 11-14, 2023. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the social hall. Members who have their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 picture and also a free church directory. You will also have the opportunity to order additional portraits, if you wish. Pictures will also be taken April 4-5, 2023, if the January dates do not work for you. If you have questions, please talk to Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243.



The 2023 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please sign-up for the month you would like to be a greeter.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 140 Offerings: \$2,629.00

*“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

John 1:5

Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness: Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride: Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts, and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.



There may be a delay in when we will receive the 2023 offering envelopes.

What can you do in the meantime?

If you have envelopes left over from 2022, it will be fine to still use them. Even though your 2023 envelope number may change, we will make sure it gets credited to your account.

If you normally use a **check** inside your envelope, continue by placing the check in the collection plate. The finance committee has already assigned new numbers for 2023 and will be able to correctly enter your contribution.

If you use **cash** inside your envelope, take a green “My Offering” envelope from the pew rack, fill in your name and the amount of the contribution so that amount can be entered on your contribution statement.

Also, since we are starting a new year, please remember to fill out pew cards each worship occasion so your church and Communion attendance can be recorded accurately. You can also update your address, phone number and email address to keep our records current.

Thank you,
Lonny & Casey
Finance Office

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service

Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care
 Center

Wednesday 9:00 am Deadline January calendar
 information

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 10:00 am Divine Service

<p>Church Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com concordiabeulah.org</p>
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*

MERRY
CHRISTMAS