

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Circumcision and Name of Jesus



*She will bear a son, and you shall call His name
Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. At His circumcision, *“He was called Jesus.”* “Jesus” means “He will save His people from their sins,” and tells us that He is our Savior who grants us salvation. His circumcision marked the first time His blood was shed for us, so that He could be the One who would save us from our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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.

Divine Service

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Behold, I have come;

in the scroll of the book it is written of me;

I desire to do your will O my God;

your law is within my heart.

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.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Gradual

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

"Alleluia" p. 190

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:21

And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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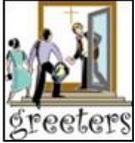
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Announcements



Please check your mailbox for your 2024 offering envelopes.

Installation: The newly-elected officers of the congregation will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 7, 2024.



The 2024 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.



“Souper Bowl”: During January we will be collecting soup and crackers for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items may be placed in the shelves in the entryway.

The January calendar, the birthday and anniversary sheet and the January—March *“Portals of Prayer”* devotionals are on the table in the social hall.

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 * Tina and I would like to say a heartfelt *
 * **“THANK YOU”** *
 * for remembering us at Christmas. *
 * Your kindness and thoughtfulness *
 * are greatly appreciated! *
 * Pastor Heller *
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✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service
Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Sunday School Divine Service *Installation of Officers Bible Class

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