

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"Watch therefore,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

*Matthew 25:13*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship this morning!** As the Church year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the second and final coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait and pray, "Thy Kingdom come," not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes again in all His glory, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of 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 One**

**Hymn of Invocation** # 334 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

**Introit**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,

**at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O Lord of hosts!**

Behold our shield, O God;

**look on the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts,

**blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

**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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where she may lay her young,

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**Kyrie** p. 152

**Glory to God** p. 154

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24**

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## **Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## **Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

## **Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)**

*[Jesus says] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

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

**In our thoughts and prayers,**



† Kim Baszler, Tammy Gillig, Pastor Olson, Hannah Schantz, and Vivian Zimmerman (Kristi Stevens' mother);  
 † Terence & Connie Schmidt on the birth of a granddaughter, Navie Mae Morman, born November 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Voters Meeting:** Please join us after worship this morning for our voters meeting. Among the items of business will be election of congregational officers and 2024 budget.

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation November 18 – 25. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.

**Ingathering:** The October Human Care is donations of Thanksgiving meal canned goods for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please have all items at the Church before Thanksgiving.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Voters Meeting
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service

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