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Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

[1] The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

[2] It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

[3] and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

[4] He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

[5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

[11] Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

[12] The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

[13] Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

[14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth-phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

[2] saying to them, *"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me.*

[3] If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

[4] This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

[5] "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' "

[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

[7] They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them.

[8] Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

[9] And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

[10] And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

[11] And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Nicene Creed

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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,



+ Our sick and recovering: Amanda Bauer, Berniece Homuth, Shirley Jones (the daughter of Edna Wolf), Craig Schaan, Bob Schriefer, & Alex Woroniecki.

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!

The Psalms of Advent: Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a study of the Psalms of Advent. We will study how the saints of old used the Psalms, the “hymnal” of the Old Testament, to confess their longing and hope for their deliverance in the coming Messiah.



Church Decorating: The LYF will be decorating the church for Christmas today after Sunday School. Anyone who would like to help decorate is welcome to join us!

“Jesus Born For Us” is the theme of our mid-week Advent services. Our Advent services begin this Wednesday, December 5th, 7:30 p.m. This week’s soup and sandwich supper will be served by the LWML, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Soup will be furnished by Sarah Guild, sandwiches by the Vesper Guild and the Naomi Guild will bring dessert. Proceeds from the free will offering will be given to Matt & Angie for their mission work.

Children’s Christmas Program practice begins next Sunday, December 9th, 10:45 a.m. All children enrolled in Sunday School through grade 8 will be assigned parts in the program. If your child(ren) cannot be in the program or if you have questions, please talk to Pastor Heller.



Handbell & Chime Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m. LWML will serve coffee and refreshments following the concert.

Children’s Shopping Spree is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping, wrapping gifts and serving and cleaning up following the noon meal. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall.

The LYF is planning a Progressive Supper & Caroling for Sunday, December 16th. Families are needed to host different courses of the meal. Please talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426, if you would like to take part in this event. The event is planned between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Greeters are needed for the month of December. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

There is an excellent selection of Christmas cards and napkins on display in the social hall. Please make checks payable to Concordia LWML Gift Account.



LYF Gift Basket Silent Auction: The gift baskets are on display on the in the social hall. This is a fundraiser for our LYF and will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Bidding will continue until Sunday, December 16th, 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.



Order forms for poinsettias for the altar are on the table in the social hall. Please fill out a form if you wish to order poinsettias and return to Vicky Yeager by December 16th. You may also purchase your own flower and have it placed at the altar by filling out a form with a notation that you are bringing the plant yourself.



AMEN: Information and registration forms are available online at www.amen2008.org. Please have your registration form and deposit turned in to Pastor Heller or Steve & Nona Blaisdell by Saturday, December 15th. A form detailing more information is in the mailboxes of all 9th through 12th graders.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dearest sister in the Christian faith, Alma Kasper. Christian burial was this past Monday. "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).



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 143 Offering: \$1,881.00

"Ready-Set-Come!" Who are God's watchful and wise stewards? They are God's people who want to be busy, faithfully doing those things that they would want to be doing when our Lord returns in glory, namely, living out their faith active in love.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:15 a.m.	Church decorating
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors @ Beulah
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Soup & Sandwiches - LWML
	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship
	8:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Vesper Guild @ Church
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Program Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell & Chime Christmas Concert

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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*Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.
We record both worship and Communion attendance.
Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.*