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O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

[1] "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

[2] But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

[3] And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

[4] "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

[5] "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

[6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (ESV)

[6] Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

[7] For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you,

[8] nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

[9] It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

[10] For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

[11] For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

[12] Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

[13] As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 21:5-28 (ESV)

[5] And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, He said,

[6] *"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."*

[7] And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"

[8] And He said, *"See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them."*

[9] And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

[10] Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

[11] There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

[12] But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake.

[13] This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

[14] Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,

[15] for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

[16] You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

[17] You will be hated by all for My name's sake.

[18] But not a hair of your head will perish.

[19] By your endurance you will gain your lives.

[20] "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

[21] Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it,

[22] for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.

[23] Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.

[24] They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

[25] "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,

[26] people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

[27] And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

[28] Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Apostles' Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day # 508

Sermon *"Your Redemption is Drawing Near"*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Handbell choir will ring "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" during the gathering of our offerings.

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

Distribution Hymns # 809, 633

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Closing Hymn # 801

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,
Craig Schaan, Brenda Weigum, & Alex Woroniecki.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the second 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, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

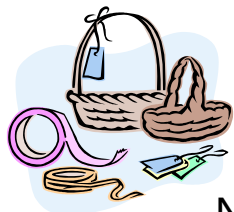
Today in Sunday School, the children learn how God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them. In Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Talk to your children about how sin causes us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have. Speak of Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst. Review together the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

“You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing”



(Psalm 145:16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, Wednesday, November 21st, 7 PM.

A community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Beulah, on Thanksgiving Day, from 11 AM – 1 PM. Everyone is welcome! Please call the Church office, 873-4397, by Monday, November 19th, if you need a ride.



LYF Gift Basket Silent Auction: The gift baskets are on display on the table in the social hall. This is a fundraiser for our LYF and will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Bidding will start today. If you have any questions, please talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.

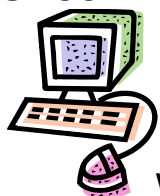
AMEN: Registration for the 2008 Higher Things gathering is open! “AMEN” is the theme of the gathering. Check out www.amen2008.org for more information.

Church Decorating: The LYF will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 2nd following Sunday School and Bible Class. Anyone who wants to help decorate is welcome to join.



At our voters meeting potluck, \$836 was raised. Together with the \$800 Thrivent matching funds, a total of \$1,636 was raised for Matt and Angie’s mission work. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Check it out: Pictures from the Trunk-or-Treat, the LYF trip to the recreation center in Dickinson, and other congregational information, including minutes from the November 1st council meeting, can be found at Concordia’s website www.wrtc.com/lcms.





Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 142 Offering: \$1,943.75

The Epistle reading for today reminds us of the truth that if anyone will not work, he shall not eat. We live out our stewardship responsibly and in so doing make use of our time and resources in a way that helps our neighbor and brings praise and glory to God.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Guild @ Vicky Yeager's
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service
Friday	Church office closed	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

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.*