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*Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Luke 3:4b, 6

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 592

Holy Baptism p. 268

Introit

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Advent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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: Isaiah 11:1-10 (ESV)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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 15:4-13 (ESV)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 3:1-12 (ESV)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight."

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

Hymn of the Day

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"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"

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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: Marilyn Helm, Leon Korbyn, Art Mueller
(Leeta Aanderud's father), Carolyn Riegel, & Dale Weigum;

† Kenzie Korbyn, baptized today.



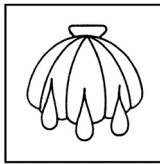
Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance


Worship: 125 Offerings: \$2,703.45

As Advent Christians we live each day with the love of Christ in our hearts and by the power of the Holy Spirit we think, speak and behave as God's children and in this way glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The light of Christ within us shines brightly through what we think, say and do. What an encouragement for our stewardship of all of life and life's resources.

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!

This morning, we rejoice that Kenzie Violet Korbyn, the daughter of Justin & Lacy Korbyn, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord's most gracious promise, Kenzie is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, her sins are forgiven, she is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).* To God alone be the glory!



 **Special Music:** The Handbells will ring "What Child is This" during the offering.

Today in Sunday School the children hear about Mary's visit to Elizabeth. In the presence of the Son of God growing within Mary's womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth's womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament and we, like Mary, offer our praise and worship. Mary's song, "The Magnificat," is sung by Christians as part of the Matins Liturgy. Talk to your children about this wonderful Bible story and how God fills us with His presence through Word and Sacrament. Review the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, ("born of the Virgin Mary").

The Challenge of Islam: Please join us after worship for Bible class as we continue with Defending the Christian Faith.

The Children Christmas Program is Christmas Eve, 6:30 p.m. Practice begins today from 10-11:00 a.m. If you have questions, please talk to Tiffany Weigum.

LYF meeting today, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Bible study, games and snacks are planned.

Our Wednesday Advent Services continue this Wednesday, December 8th, 6:30 p.m. The theme of our worship is “Hope Born of the Word and the Spirit of God,” Romans 15:4-13. Soup and Sandwiches will be served by the Elders and LYF at 5:30 p.m.



You are invited to the Handbell & Chime Concert next Sunday, December 12th, 3:00 p.m. Advent Potluck will follow at 4:30 p.m. Please join us!

Christmas Basket Silent Auction continues until December 19th. This is a great fundraiser for the LYF. Baskets are on display in the fellowship hall. Its not too late to bring a basket.



The December calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, October Council minutes and children’s devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning. The cards should be filled out whether or not you attend Communion.
Place completed cards in the collection plate.
Thank you.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10-11:00 am	Program Practice
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	3-4:30 pm	LYF
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Chime Practice
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches—Elders/LYF
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
	7:15 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Advent Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Saturday	11:00 am	Kaseman/Senske Wedding
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10-11:00 am	Program Practice
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	1:00 pm	Bell & Chime Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Bell & Chime Concert
	4:30 pm	Advent Potluck

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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