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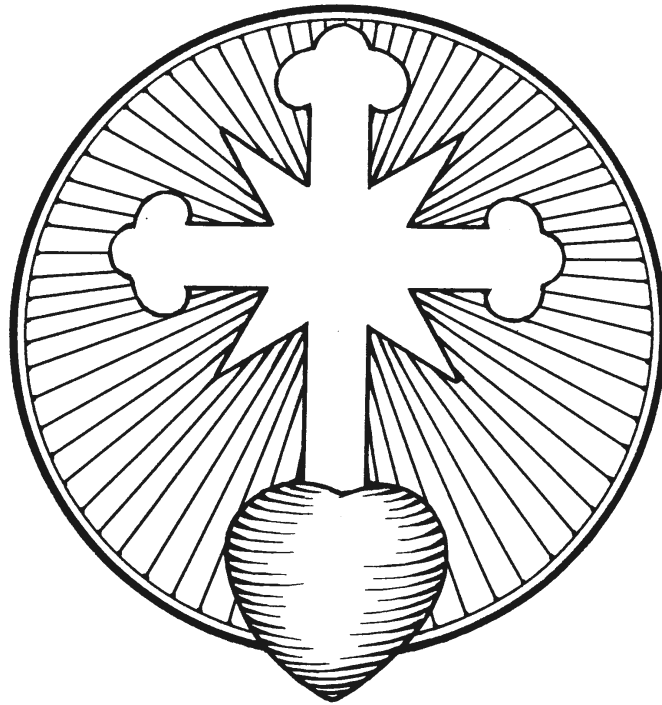
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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because  
He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor."*

Luke 4:18a

**DIVINE SERVICE**      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**      # 904

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**it is the time to favor her;  
the appointed time has come.**

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

**so that a people yet to be created may praise  
the Lord:**

that he looked down from his holy height;

**from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,**

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

**to set free those who were doomed to die,**

that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

**and in Jerusalem his praise,**

when peoples gather together,

**and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.**

**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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**it is the time to favor her;  
the appointed time has come.**

**Kyrie**      p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**      p. 156

Father, we thank You for the gift of work, the means through which You provide for us. Help us to find satisfaction in what is ours, by Your grace, and not to seek to amass wealth beyond our needs. Thank You for filling the void in our lives that only You can fill. Now sanctify us by the truth; Your Word is truth. Amen.

**Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (ESV)**

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 5:1-7 (ESV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 6:19-24 (ESV)

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!*

*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 788 [tune: Old 124<sup>th</sup>, abbr.]

**Sermon** Overcoming Greed

**Prayer of the Church**

## Offering

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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: Erwin Eisenbeis,  
Harold Link, Norman Yeager, & Vera Ziegler.



## Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

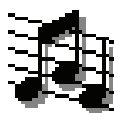
Worship: 130 Offerings: \$2,525.00

Paul reminded the Corinthians that they were at their best when they pooled their gifts and resources as God’s stewards. One of our Biblical Stewardship Principles states that we are uniquely singular, yet profoundly plural, which means that our lives are not solo performances, but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the whole world.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “appearance.” In this season of the Church year, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Excel in the Grace of Giving:** Today is the first day in our stewardship program “Excel in the Grace of Giving.” God’s grace and love enable us to be faithful and generous in our giving. We are blessed to be blessings. May the Lord bless each of us with the spirit of the Macedonians who gave beyond their ability because they first gave themselves to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:3-5). As we give, God fills us with more so we can keep on giving and, in the process, give honor and praise to God. Please join us next week when our theme for the second in our three-week series will be “More Blessed to Give.” Also next week you will be introduced to a giving challenge titled “Give Plus One.”

**Special Offering:** This morning, we will have a special offering to help with relief and restoration following the earthquake in Haiti. All donations will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check out to Concordia Lutheran Church and **designate it Haiti Relief**. Our Synod’s ongoing work in Haiti can be followed at <http://www.lcms.org/help>. *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me (Matt 25:40).”*



**Special Music:** During the gathering of our morning offerings, the Hand Chime choir will ring “For the Beauty of the Earth.”

**Found:** A wristwatch and ring were found in church last Sunday. To claim them, please talk to Pastor Heller.

**Today in Sunday School:** In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss how sin blinds our eyes to the Savior and causes us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death. Emphasize that through God's Word and Sacraments we can see and believe in Jesus, who releases us from the bondage of sin. He restores us with forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**Bus Transportation:** The West River bus would be available for rides to Church, with enough interest, at \$2.00 per trip. If you are interested, please talk to Blake Wiedrich, 873-4346. In the meantime, if you would like a ride to Church, please talk to Blake, Terence Schmidt, 873-4898, or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

**2010 Contribution Envelopes** are on the table in the entryway by the outside door. Please take them home with you today.



**Greeters are needed for 2010.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**Church Cancellation:** In the event that worship services or other activities need to be cancelled, especially due to weather, please check the church's website, [www.concordiabeulah.org](http://www.concordiabeulah.org). You can also call the Church for an updated voicemail message regarding cancellations. Cancellations will also be sent to those members who have provided us an email address. Please prayerfully consider that even when worship services and activities are cancelled, the expenses of the congregation continue.



**Soup'er January:** Please join LWML in collecting soup and crackers for Women's Action Resource Center. A table is set up for your donations. Thank you.

