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# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.*

*And the favor of God was upon Him.*

*[St. Luke 2:40]*

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
**his understanding is beyond measure.**

But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!  
**Praise your God, O Zion!**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his

throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### **Gradual**

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**for he has done marvelous things!**

### **Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in

Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 2:40-52 (ESV)

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." And He said to them, "*Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?*" And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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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, Betty Giese,  
Harold Link, & Archie Rosenow.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Christmas, the season of celebrating our Savior's birth. The Evangelist Luke records for us the only two incidents we have in the life of Jesus as a boy: His presentation at the age of 40 days and the 12-year-old Jesus who returns to Jerusalem for the Passover. Both take place in the temple. What Simeon foretold when Jesus was 40 days old, Jesus now states clearly at age 12: He is the Son of God, and He must be in the temple in Jerusalem, for it is here that He will show Himself to be our Passover Lamb. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Installation of Officers:** The following members of our congregation have been chosen by their fellow members to assume positions of special importance and service in our congregation, assisting the pastor in the work of Christ's Church:

Chairman, Evangelism	Larry Walker
Chairman, Fellowship	Richard Simenson
Chairman, Public Relations	Ray Sorge
Chairman, Youth	Steve Blaisdell
Finance Committee	Jim Gegelman
Lay Ministry	Keith Peterson
	Brian Scherer
	Mitch Weigum

**There** is no Sunday School this morning. We will be taking down the Christmas decorations following Bible class. We would appreciate your help!

**The family of Concordia would like to thank...**

- All who helped with the soup and sandwich suppers during Advent;
- Angela Weigum, Tiffany Weigum, & Julie Voigt for directing our Children's Christmas program;
- Cindy Peterson and the Bell & chime Choirs for their special music;
- Vicky Yeager for coordinating the poinsettias;
- Cliff Schaan and all who helped with the Christmas bags.

**Bus Transportation:** The West River bus would be available for rides to Church, if there is enough interest. The cost would be \$2.00 per trip. If you are interested in riding the bus, 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 Jamie Backus, 873-7673.



**2010 Contribution Envelopes** are on the table in the entryway by the outside door. If you haven't picked up your envelopes for 2010, please pick up your box.



**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). We will also send out an email notification when worship is cancelled for 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.

*We would like to thank the congregation and the LWML for the gifts and for all who remembered us this Christmas season.*

*Your thoughtfulness and kind words are greatly appreciated.*

*Pastor Heller*

## **Stewardship**

In Jesus God has chosen us to be His followers and children who do the right things for the right reasons, and delight in doing so. What an encouragement for us to grow spiritually in our journey of life and use everything God has blessed us with to His glory and the good of those around us.

### This Week at Concordia +

Today	7:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Divine Service * Installation of Officers
	10:15 am	Bible Class
Monday	9:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Dickinson
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	3:30 pm	Topic Leaders
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Chime Practice
	6:30 pm	Wednesday School
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
Sunday	7:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Divine Service * Installation of LWML Officers * Mites collection
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Mission Update/Bible Class

#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223  
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concordiasecretary@westriv.com

Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.  
**Cards need to be filled out whether or not you attend Communion.**  
**List all family members attending both worship and/or Communion.**  
Place completed cards in the collection plate.