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Concordia Lutheran Church

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"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 848

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Introit

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

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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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (ESV)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (ESV)

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver,

precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:38-48 (ESV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

The Strength to Love

The Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of the Church

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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,

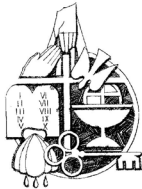
† Our sick and recovering: Carolyn Johnson (Julie Dschaak's mother), Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel;

† Jackie Knudson, confirmed today;

† Lenora Hafner, as she celebrates her 80th birthday today;

† Blake & Cheryl Wiedrich, on the birth of a granddaughter, Lillian Jasmine.

Welcome to worship in this season of Epiphany, In this season, we rejoice that God has appeared to us in Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.



Today, we welcome Jackie Knudson as a communicant member of our Lord's Church through the Rite of Confirmation. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Part of Christian doctrine, she today acknowledges the gifts God gave her in her baptism and her intention to continue steadfast in this Christian faith and church.

The altar flowers are in honor of Jackie Knudson's confirmation, given by Mabel Eisenbeis.

Today in Sunday school, the theme is love for one's enemies as recorded from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The children study the account of Ananias and Saul. Talk with your children about what made these two natural enemies. Ask your children to tell you how Jesus instructs us to treat our enemies. Talk about how we were enemies of God and how through Jesus God has made us His friends.

Facing Disaster Like A Man: "Why" and "Why me?" are never far from our lips when disaster strikes. Though disasters, even those of our own making, can turn our lives upside down, God is still in command. Please join us as we continue this Bible study this morning.



An 80th birthday open house will be held this afternoon from 1-4 p.m. for Lenora Hafner at Marian Manor Estates, Glen Ullin. Everyone is welcome!

Our Voters Meeting will be next Sunday, February 27th, following worship.

Large print hymnals are available for use. Please talk to an usher.

LYF Spring Retreat: Grades 8 and up are invited to attend the ND District LYF Retreat at the Chieftain Conference Center, Carrington, ND, March 4-5. Brochures are on the table in the social hall. Registration deadline in February 27th. Please talk to Steve and Nona Blaisdell for more information, 873-5426.

The Church Library has been updated. There are many books available on Parenting, Self-Help, Marriage, Youth, Christian Education, Aging, Individual Bible Studies, Religions and Leaders, Fiction, Family, Martin Luther, Devotions, Cookbooks, and Children's Books.



There are many additional books and Christian videos for children of all ages in the education wing as well as numerous Bible studies for groups. Take the time to see if there is something that would interest **you** in the library!

When the library was updated several books were duplicated or out of date, and are available for anyone to have. The box will be in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take any of these items home. Thank you.

Stamp Collection: LWML will continue to collect stamps as we now have a location to mail the stamps collected. Stamps are sold to a stamp collector and any dollars received are sent to LCMS Missions. It is recommended that a one-fourth inch border be left around each stamp. Please leave your stamps on the LWML table in the fellowship hall.



It's Official! The Bismarck-Mandan LCMS Youth Council will host a YMCA Lock-in March 25-26th at the Missouri Valley Family YMCA, Bismarck for students in grades 6-12. Registration begins at 9:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Micah Parker (aka the Trust Guy). Micah is a highly rated national speaker who will leave the students with a message they will not soon forget. Learn more about him at www.trustguyministries.com. Swimming, pixxa, free time, a light breakfast and MUCH more are planned. Registration forms will be available after March 1st. Cost is \$20. For more information, contact Steve & Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 135 Offerings: \$3,191.50

The quality of our work as God's stewards give evidence that we really are the people of God who have been called away from the wisdom of this world so that we can use our time, talents and resources in truly wise and effective ways. What we do and the way in which we do it give a powerful witness that the Holy Spirit dwells within us as His temple!

This Week at Concordia +

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Chime Practice
	6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for March calendar items
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or Communion attendance this morning.
Thank you.*