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*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

[Psalm 24:7]

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 341 (st. 1-4)

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Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation.

To you, O Lord,
 I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
 let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
 they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation.

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Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, *"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' "* And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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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, we remember Betty Hausauer as she remains hospitalized.

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 120 Offering: \$2,623.00

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! Modern day Christian stewards are like the Corinthian Christians of St. Paul's day. Like the Corinthians, we have been enriched in every way and equipped with spiritual gifts so that we can join with other Christians in building up our fellow stewards in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways.

Welcome to worship as we begin a new church year on this 1st Sunday in Advent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome our King Jesus who first came to us at His birth at Christmas. As we live in the time between His first and second comings, we rejoice that Jesus comes to us through His Word and Sacraments to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Alive in Christ, we are ready at all times to welcome our King at His final coming. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School the students study the account of God's giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses. The children will learn that "the law was given through Moses" but "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ". Talk about God's laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. Ask your children, "Who kept the Law perfectly for us?" Though we sin much, daily we have God's forgiveness because of Christ, His Son. As a family, review the Ten Commandments.

"Walther": Please join us for Bible class as we continue watching the film "Walther," the story of Dr. C.F.W. Walther. October 25th marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Walther, one of the founders of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and her first president.



Church Decorating: Everyone is invited and encouraged to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Wednesday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare for the season of joy!

Concordia's Family Advent Potluck Dinner will be next Sunday, December 4th, 12:00 noon.

Children's Christmas Program: Practice for the Christmas program begins next Sunday, December 4th, 10:30-11:45 am.

St. Peter's LWML, Hannover has invited the ladies of Concordia to an Advent luncheon on December 7th, 12:00 noon.

"God Loves Me Dearly": The theme of our mid-week Advent services will come from the well-loved children's Christmas hymn "God Loves Me Dearly." Our mid-week services begin Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served before worship, beginning at 5:30 pm.

The LYF Christmas Decoration Drive for the Lutheran Disaster Response Team will be ending soon. Please have all items placed on the table in the social hall that you would like to donate. More information will follow as to where the items will go and if it is to a family or families or to a church in Minot.



Christmas Basket Silent Auction bidding continues until December 18th. This is a great fundraiser for the LYF. Baskets are on display in the fellowship hall.

Coffee Servers: Any ladies in the congregation willing to serve coffee after worship services in 2012, please contact Mary Jo Larson.

+ This Week at Concordia +

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class
- Wednesday 9:00 am Deadline for December calendar items
6:00 pm Church Decorating
7:00 pm Chime Practice
7:30 pm Bell Practice
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
12:00 pm Family Advent Potluck Dinner

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