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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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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**                # 343

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 184

**Introit**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

**Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

**steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O Lord, in the lights of your face,**

who exult in your name all the day

**and in your righteousness are exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the Lord,

**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

**Gloria Patri**                            p. 186

**Kyrie**                                      p. 186

**Gloria in Excelsis** *is omitted during Advent*

**Salutation & Collect**            p. 189

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:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **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 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**“Alleluia”**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, *"Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' "* So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!". And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." He answered, *"I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 191
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 332
<b>Sermon</b>	A Time of Preparation
<b>Offertory</b>	p. 192

**Offering**

*The Handchime Choir will ring “Go Tell It On the Mountain” during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

**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.



**Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance**

Worship: 115    Offering: \$3,493.25

“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.” These are the first words we pray together in Advent, the first part of the Church’s year. We start the year by confessing our trust in the Lord. He is the Father who gives us all good things—who else could we trust? All stewardship starts with that trust in the Father’s guidance and love—indeed, all of the Christian life starts with that trust.

**Welcome to worship** as we begin a new church year on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent. In the season of Advent, 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!

**The Intersection of Church & State:** Please join us in Bible class this morning as we continue our study of The Intersection of Church & State.

**Christmas Program Practice** for the children's Christmas program begins this morning from 9:30—11:00 am. A second practice will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the same time. The Children's Christmas Program will be at 8:30 am on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Rev. Kirk Peters** will be installed as pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church this afternoon, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm. Supper will follow the installation service. A letter of invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Mid-week Advent Services:** "The Miraculous Births of Advent" will be the theme of our mid-week Advent Services. We begin with the Birth of Isaac on Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 pm. LWML will be serving soup and sandwiches beginning at 5:30 pm. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Chimes will be playing a "mini-concert" as part of our worship and the Handbells will be playing on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



**LWML Family Advent Potluck Dinner** will be Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to join us!

**All women of Concordia** are invited to St. Peter Lutheran Church's annual LWML Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon. If you are planning on attending the luncheon and would like to carpool, please meet at Concordia at 11:15 am. Please let Carrie Hafner know if you are planning on attending.

**The Children's Shopping Spree** is Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with shopping, wrapping gifts and to help serve and clean up after the noon meal. Donations of wrapping supplies are appreciated. Please leave any donations on the table in the social hall. Please sign up on the form in the social hall if you are willing to help. If you have questions, please talk to Ray Sorge, 873-7682.



**LYF Gift Basket Silent Auction:** Gift baskets are on display in the social hall. Bidding has begun and will continue until Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will go towards the LYF rooms renovations. If you have any questions, please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647. These baskets will make great Christmas gifts!



**Constitution/Bylaws/Standard Operating Procedures:** The proposed changes to our Constitution/Bylaws/Standard Operating Procedures were approved by the Voters on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The December** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, October council minutes and children's devotional books are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please pick up any material you wish.

**"Thank you"** Bernice Herrmann and Ardella Halter for providing bars for the last mission update.

**+ This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class
	9:30-11:00 am	Program Practice
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	4:00 pm	Rev. Peters' Installation Service @ St. Matthew, Hazen
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
	5:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	LYF-Grades 2-6
	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches-LWML
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Advent Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
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	9:30 am	Bible Class
	9:30-11:00 am	Program Practice
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	12:00 pm	Family Advent Potluck

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