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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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*"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."*

*Mark 8:34b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 611

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 184

**Introit**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

**He is their help and their shield.**

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

**he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**  
he will bless those who fear the Lord,  
**both the small and the great.**

We will bless the Lord

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

**Gloria Patri**                                  p. 186

**Kyrie**    p. 186

**Gloria in Excelsis** *is omitted during Lent*

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 189

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (ESV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**Gradual**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we

were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**“Alleluia”** *is omitted during Lent*

**Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, *“Who do people say that I am?”* And they told Him, *“John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”* And He asked them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* Peter answered Him, *“You are the Christ.”* And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, *“Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”*

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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: Ray Halter, Neal Reinhardt,  
Donna Weidner, & Brenda Weigum.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday school today, March 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LYF:** The LYF meeting that was scheduled for today has been postponed. Please watch your email for the rescheduled date.

**God’s Gift of Forgiveness** Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on Come Quickly to Help Me, based on Psalm 38. Soup and Sandwiches will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please remember the sign-up sheet for soup, sandwiches, and dessert is on the table in the social hall.

**Board of Lay Ministry,** we will meet Wednesday, March 7, following worship.

**LWML Guilds:** The March Bible study is “What Do You Have to Say?” in the Spring Quarterly.

**Greeters** are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

### Lent Soup/Sandwich Schedule

March 7		Sign-up Sheet
March 14		LWML
March 21		Council
March 28		To be determined

The March 7<sup>th</sup> sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Signing up to bring food also includes setting up, serving and/or clean up.

**A Biblical Tour of Israel & Jordan:** (October 15-25, 2012) An Experience of a Lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as visiting Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mt Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Rev Darold Reiner (LCMS) (Former LWML International Counselor) is leading this tour from Kalispell, MT. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or [reiner@centurytel.net](mailto:reiner@centurytel.net) for a full brochure.



## **Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 61      Offerings: \$2,427.51

Stewards are *"reconciled people."* This means that we have been rescued from God's judgment and condemnation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We who have been baptized into Christ have been baptized into His death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life (Romans 6:4). That new life is what we call stewardship!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday      8:30 am      Divine Service  
              9:30 am      Bible Class  
              11:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday      10:00 am      Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck

Tuesday     2:00 pm      Bible Class

Wednesday 5:30 pm      Soup/Sandwiches - Sign-up  
              6:30 pm      Lenten Service  
              7:15 pm      Chime Practice  
              7:30 pm      Board of Lay Ministry  
              7:45 pm      Bell Practice

Thursday    2:00 pm      *Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)*  
              7:00 pm      *Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin*

Sunday      8:30 am      Divine Service  
              9:30 am      Mission Update/Sunday School  
              11:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              2:30 pm      Pastor @ KRCC

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