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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel."*

Matthew 1:23a

Divine Service

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

357 (st. 1-3)

Holy Baptism

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Introit

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the
morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is
steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Advent*

Salutation & Collect

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Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your
might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly
lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17 (ESV)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

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: Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name

among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

Hymn of the Day

357 (st. 4-7)

Sermon

The Lord's Sign

Offertory

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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,

† Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother) and Marvin Weigum;

† Kim and Kevin Baszler & Family, as they mourn Kathy's death;

† Those who do not know Jesus as their Savior, that they may come to know the true meaning of Christmas.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 128 Offerings: \$4,325.00

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? And so what God's Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus' love has done!

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the Church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas, when our King comes to save us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

This morning, we rejoice that Kollen Jason Korbyn, the



son of Justin & Lacy Korbyn, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Kollen is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. "[God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)."

LWML Advent Brunch Potluck: Please join us at 10:30 for brunch potluck this morning.

Christmas Caroling: Anyone interested in going Christmas caroling please meet at the Church by 4:00 pm this afternoon.

Christmas Worship: Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with the Children's Christmas Program on Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m. with the Service of Carols and Readings.



Board of Lay Ministry: Lyle Yeager has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Project Evangelism at Concordia has a few more Booklet Ministries on display in the entryway and on the table in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to check out these booklets and perhaps share them with others.

The 2014 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning. Please take them home with you.

2014 Greeters are needed. A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Concordia's telephone directory is now available. Copies are available in the Church office or by contacting Sandy at concordiasecretary@westriv.com. You may also call the Church at 873-4388 to request a copy be put in your Church mailbox.



In memory of Katie Hafner from Myron & Carrie Hafner.
In memory of Barney, Loretta, & Kathy Baszler from their family.
In memory of Stella Gramm from her children and their families.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Program Practice/Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	Advent Brunch Potluck
	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
	7:00 pm	<i>Christmas Program at Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	Christmas Eve	
	4:30 pm	Children's Christmas Program
Wednesday	Christmas Day	
	8:30 am	Worship @ Concordia
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for January calendar information
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	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 worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.