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# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"Blessed are poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

*Matthew 5:3*

**Divine Service**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**            # 427

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of  
the wicked,

**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat  
of scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its  
fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**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.**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 152

**Glory to God**                            p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 156

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many  
dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant  
strength and protection to support us in all dangers and  
carry us through all temptations; 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: Micah 6:1-8 (ESV)**

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## **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 1:18-31 (ESV)**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 567
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Arise, plead your case"</i>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<i>The Handbell Choir will ring "Cares Chorus" during the gathering of our morning offerings.</i>	
<b>"What Shall I Render"</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 842

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,**

† Carmen Dschaak, Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother), and Agnes Wiedrich.

**Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 39 Offerings: \$1,245.00

**Welcome to worship** as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. In this season, when we see and hear Jesus, we see and hear God. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

**1 Peter:** Please join us as we continue our study of 1 Peter this morning.

**Topic Leaders** will meet on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. The topic will be "Praising God Even When He Seems Silent," from the Winter 2013 *Quarterly*.

**Our Annual Meeting** will be Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following worship. Following the Voters Meeting, we will have a potluck brunch. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Baby Shower:** The joint baby shower for Kollen Korbyn and Aackley Backus has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome the new babies into the Family of Concordia.



**An updated telephone directory** of Concordia members has been completed. If you would like a copy, sign your name on the sheet of paper on the table in the fellowship hall. A copy will then be put in your Church mailbox.

**The February Human Care Project** is collecting tuna for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please put your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway. Thank you.



**The February** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us Calendar, December council minutes, unapproved minutes from the November 17, 2013 Voters Meeting, and *Happy Times* for the children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

## † 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	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Mandan
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Topic Leaders
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:00 pm	Backus & Korbyn Baby Shower

### Church Office Hours

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
Communion attendance this morning*

# Love without Fear Week



February 9-15, 2014 is Love without Fear Week. Each year this week draws attention to healthy and loving relationships, and reminds people how too many relationships are marred by violence. As we celebrate Valentine's Day this week, let us reflect on how we love one another. In the coming year may we continue this thought:

*\*By learning how to discipline our children without humiliating them.*

*\*By learning how to touch each other without overpowering those we love.*

*\*By learning how to nurture families which are supporting circles of strength and intimacy rather than binding circles of isolation.*

*\*By learning that love does not mean possession.*

And may we work together to learn new ways of creating a world in which there will be love without fear. For further information, or if you would like a speaker for your group, contact Women's Action & Resource Center at 873-2274.