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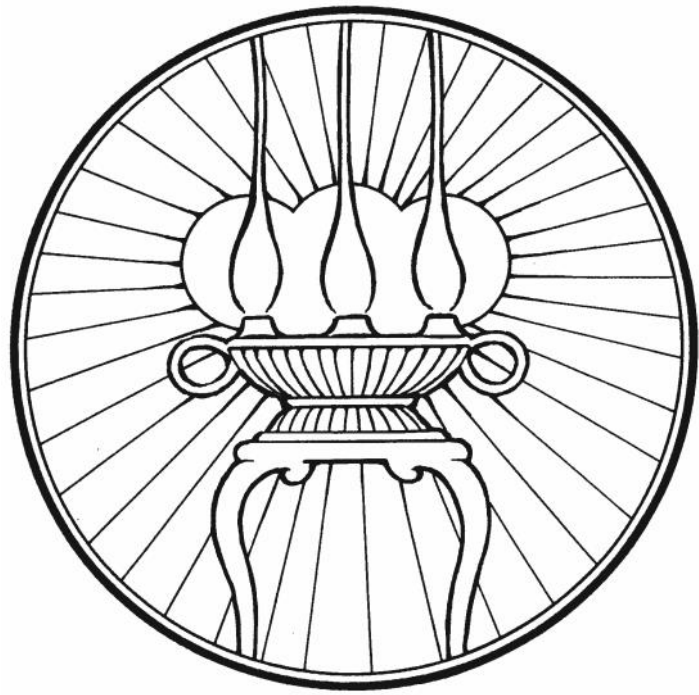
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16b

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a (ESV)

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

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 2:1-12 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech

and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the

least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Hymn of the Day # 578 (st. 1-4)

Sermon: Righteousness Exceeding the Scribes & Pharisees

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchime Choir will ring “Children of the Heavenly Father” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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Distribution Hymns # 560, 580

“Thank the Lord” p. 164

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Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 698

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;

† Aackley, baptized today;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

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.

This morning, we rejoice that Aackley Wayne Backus, the son of Jamey & Tracy Backus, is born again for all eternity



in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Aackley 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)."

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

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

Baby Shower: A joint baby shower for Kollen Korbyn and Aackley Backus is this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome the new babies into the family of Concordia.



Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, February 12th, 7:00 pm.

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.



Weather cancellation: In the event that worship services or other activities need to be canceled, especially because of weather, please check the church's website, www.concordiabeulah.org. We will also send out an email notification when worship is cancelled for those members who have provided the church office with an email address. You should also be able to call the church, 873-4388, for information on cancellations.

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.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 139 Offerings: \$3,695.00

Thrivent Choice

Concordia has received Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amounts of:

\$3,814.00 in 2012

\$4,023.00 in 2013

Thank you to all who have designated Concordia as recipient of their Choice Dollars.

† 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>
	2:00 pm	Korbyn & Backus Baby Shower
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 st -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 nd -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ KRCC

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