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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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*"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."*

*Mark 1:11b*



## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

## **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:** Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*" Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "*This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*"

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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 Agnes Wiedrich;
- † Jamey & Tracy Backus on the birth of a son, Aackley Wayne;
- † Our LWML officers, as they are installed 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. To save us, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River to have the sins of all the world washed upon Him so that He would be the sin bearer for us. At His Baptism, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to carry the guilt of our sin to the death of the cross. Bearing the world's sin, God proclaimed Jesus to be His Son in whom He is well-pleased. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.



**LWML mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

**Your 2014 Contribution Statement** has either been emailed or is in your Church mailbox this morning. If you haven't picked up your 2014 offering envelopes, you can find them on the table outside Pastor's study.

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

**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 January calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet and November Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



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

**Gideons International:** The mission of Gideons International is to win the lost for Christ, through the distribution of Bibles and New Testaments. The Gideons have placed or distributed more than 1.8 billion complete Bibles and New Testaments in more than 190 countries around the world. Next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the Gideons will be with us to share with us their work.



### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 57 Offerings: \$1,755.00

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

### ***We are the North Dakota District...***

Do you get kind-of down and depressed during the winter months? During this time of year there is more darkness than light. It doesn't have to be that way. Ask you pastor what Bible Studies are offered, that you may learn of Jesus and grow in the LIGHT of Christ. There are many wonderful Bible Study resources throughout our District. Talk to your pastor today about being in the Word.

President Baneck

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service *Installation of LWML Officers/Mites
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	KRCC Communion
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
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
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

### Church Office Hours

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