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# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

*Matthew 4:17*

**Divine Service**

Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 412 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

**Introit**

I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn  
to the Lord,

**and all the families of the nations shall worship  
before you.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord,

**and he rules over the nations.**

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

Posterity shall serve him;

**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a  
people yet unborn,

**that he has done it.**

**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.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

**Kyrie**

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**Glory to God**

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**Salutation & Collect**

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Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our  
infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal  
and defend us; 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:** Isaiah 9:1-4 (ESV)

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **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 1:10-18 (ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,

and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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.

“Alleluia”

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 4:12-25 (ESV)

Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*"

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 849
<b>Sermon</b>	The Word of the Cross
<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>	
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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,**

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

**Welcome to worship** in this season of Epiphany, the time of the Church year we celebrate God appearing to us in human body. Today, we see Jesus, “very God of very God,” doing the miracles only God can do — “teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”. By doing these miracles, Jesus proves that He is, indeed, 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.

**\$316.50** was donated to Gideons International last Sunday to purchase Bibles for world-wide distribution. “So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).”

**2014** offering envelopes and 2013 contribution statements are in your mailbox this morning if you haven’t picked them up yet.

**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 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.



## Baby Shower

The LWML is hosting a joint baby shower for Aackley & Tracy Backus and Kollen & Lacy Korbyn today at 2:00 p.m. at the Church.

The entire congregation is invited to attend and welcome the new babies into the Family of Concordia.



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

Attendance:160 Offerings: \$4,339.00

“Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had: they left their trade, their hometown, their families and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship – the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: that we know that all we have is the Lord’s, to be used for His purpose, that we are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

## † 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	Backus & Korbyn Baby Shower
Tuesday	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	9:00 am	Deadline for February calendar items
Friday — Saturday		Pastor @ District BOD Meeting
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.*