

Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Walk in love,
as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:2

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 686

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of
the nations.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy
together before the Lord,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

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Salutation & Collect p. 156

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give 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: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (ESV)

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:21-37 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

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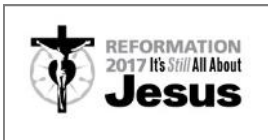
Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose 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,

- † Our sick & recovering: Tom Bornemann, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Anna Pischel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Brenda Weigum;
- † Brenda Weigum & Family, on the death of Brenda’s mother, Viola Scheid.

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

Reformation 2017 It' *Still* All About Jesus: The Reformation restored to the Church central teaching of the Holy Scriptures, that the Gospel is the “promise of forgiveness of sins and of justification for Christ’s sake” (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV, paragraph 43). Please join us this morning for Bible class as we learn why we are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



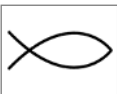
Our Annual Voters Meeting is next Sunday, February 19th, following worship. Unapproved minutes from the November 20, 2016, meeting are on the table in the fellowship hall. The minutes are also on the website, www.concordiabeulah.org. Please take a copy or read them online before the meeting so they can be approved. Following the Voters meeting, we will have potluck brunch.

“Thank You” to all who helped serve the community meal Saturday! *“Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me”* (Mt. 25:40).



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, is March 1st. The theme of our mid-week worship will be “The Salutory Gift”.

The February Human Care Project is collecting tuna for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave your donations in the shelving units in the entryway of the Church. Thank you.



“Thank You” Tina Heller and Aloha Simenson for providing bars/cookies last Sunday.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 110 Offerings: \$4,064.00

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Isn’t that the truth! And it’s not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us in all of the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord’s work in the Church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously; and then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn and uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the Church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

Giving God My Day

"Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10). To be still reveals a willingness to value personal quiet time with God. No iPod, radio, TV, pager, cell phone. Just sitting quietly in the company of God. It takes practice.

Jesus says that His followers hear His voice (John 10:27). Reserving a place and time each day to "hear" the whisper of God allows God to put thoughts into our minds. As one person has put it, "God speaks every day! What is the quality of your antenna?" God invites us to hear and respond. From the often-ragged edges we can move closer to the center of life, to God.

Time with God each day allows us to know that we are treasured and loved by God. Devotional prayer allows us to listen, speak, forgive, and accept the gift of forgiveness. God may encourage us to take a risk, apologize, or make the tough decision. The Spirit may urge us to get help, slow down, stop running, ask, accept, or speak the truth. The list of possibilities is limitless, but most importantly, practicing devotional prayer allows us to be—just be—with God and ourselves.

Richard Simenson

+This Week at Concordia+

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Voters Meeting
 10:30 am Potluck Brunch

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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Communion attendance this morning.*