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*"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!"*

John 1:29b

quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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 1:1-9 (ESV)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was

confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 1:29-42a (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "*What are you seeking?*" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "*Come and you will see.*" So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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A Lamb for the Offering

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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), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Bieber).

Welcome to worship as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. In our worship this morning, Jesus reveals Himself to be “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Thanks be to God, for He has taken away our sin in the appearance of His Son, so that we would have the forgiveness of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

The Incarnation: Please join us for Bible class this morning, as we study the incarnation of Jesus and how it comforts and cheers us each day.

The 2016 Contribution Statements have been emailed to those who have an email address or are in your mailboxes this morning. If you have any questions or did not receive one, please talk to Sandy.

The Largest Baby Shower: Please place items for the Firstchoice Clinics on the table in the social hall.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 112 Offerings: \$3,771.50

“...so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood – in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are his spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

What is Stewardship

In the congregation where we worship, it is not unusual for a six-year-old to read Scripture or receive the offering. It is not unusual for a lay-person in the congregation to bring the message of the morning. We have high expectations of one another.

As we read the Gospels today, they remind us of how much we can do when we are faithful stewards of what God has given us. We often think we are capable of less than we are. We often think that others are capable of less than they are. We usually think of the parable of the talents as about money. But it is really about much more. It is about the varied gifts God has given to all of us and how they can multiply when we put them to work.

So much of Jesus' words and His life with His closest followers is about reminding them of how much they can do, and how much they can be used by God in continuing the work of Jesus in bringing God's healing and reconciling touch, when they are faithful stewards of what God has given them.

Richard Simenson
Stewardship Chairman

† 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	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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Church Office Hours

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