

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*“Watch therefore,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour.”  
Matthew 25:13*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 516

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 151

**Introit**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,

**at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O Lord of hosts!**

Behold our shield, O God;

**look on the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts,

**blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

**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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**Kyrie**                                              p. 152

**Glory to God**                                      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride,  
the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter  
into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24 (ESV)**

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, as  
if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and  
leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no  
brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## **Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## **Epistle Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**"Alleluia"**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

*[Jesus says] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you,*

*go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 514
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<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
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<b>"What Shall I Render</b>	p. 159
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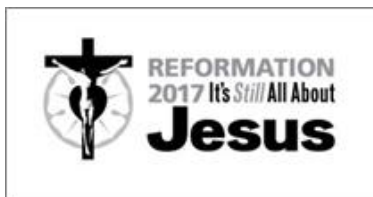
Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose 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,**

- † Faye Schaan & Family, as they mourn Clifford's death;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

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**Forgiveness is free — but not cheap.**



Your sins have earned the penalty of death. Christ paid that price for you through His death.

Salvation is not cheap — the Son of God gave up all things for you. Forgiveness is free. God gives you this salvation, which Christ earned, for free. Solus

Christus. Through Christ alone.

**Welcome to worship** this morning. As the Church Year nears its end, our worship focuses on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes again, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Our Voters Meeting** is next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2018 budget. Nominations are posted on the bulletin board and unapproved minutes from the February 19, 2017, meeting are also on the table in the social hall. Potluck will follow the voters meeting.

***"You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16).*** We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 pm.

**Christmas Program:** If you would like your child to be in the Christmas Program, please talk to Anne Rosenow. We will have parts for anyone that would like to participate. Program practice will begin December 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Sunday School time.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call our dear brother in the Christian faith, Clifford Schaan, to Himself in heaven. Christian Burial was November 11, 2017. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints"* (Psalm 116:15).

**Lay Delegate:** Concordia is in need of a lay delegate to represent the congregation at the 2018 District Convention, January 21-24, in Dickinson. Please talk to Pastor Heller or Jamey Backus if you are interested.

**Christmas cards** are on sale in the social hall. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks should be made out to LWML.

### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 131 Offerings: \$3,433.00

*"... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps."* Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	School/Voters Meeting/Potluck

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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