

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

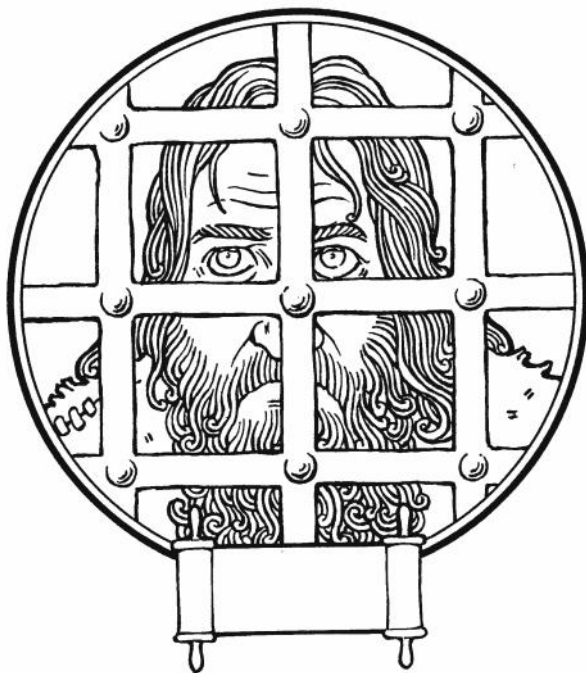
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday in Advent



*"Behold, I send My messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."*

Matthew 11:10b

Divine Service

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

I will hope continually

and will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

for their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

**until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.**

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

omitted during Advent

Salutation & Collect

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Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (ESV)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading: James 5:7-11 (ESV)

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-15 (ESV)

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by His disciples and said to Him, "Are You the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "*Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me.*"

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "*What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, " 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face who will prepare your way before you.'*"

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

He's the One!

Offertory

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Offering

The bells will be ringing "Silent Night" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Prayer of the Church

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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,

† Lori Kuschel and Julie Westemeier;

† Bennie Dschaak & family, as they mourn
Sharmain's death.

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the Church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ Jesus for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas, when our King comes to save us from the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

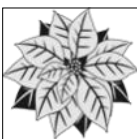
“Behold the Child” is the theme of our midweek Advent services. Behold the Child in the manger, who was both fully God and fully man. Behold the Child, the Son of God, who gives us eternal life. Our midweek services continue this Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm. Please join us for a meal at 5:30 pm.



Board of Lay Ministry, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, December 18th, following Advent worship.



Christmas Program: Please join us for the Children’s Christmas Program on Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm.



Poinsettias: You are welcome to bring poinsettias any time during Advent. Put your name on them if you would like them after the holidays.

Christmas Cards are for sale in the social hall. They are \$4 per box. Please make check out to LWML and give the money to Tina Heller.



Offering Envelopes for 2020 are in your mailboxes this morning.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

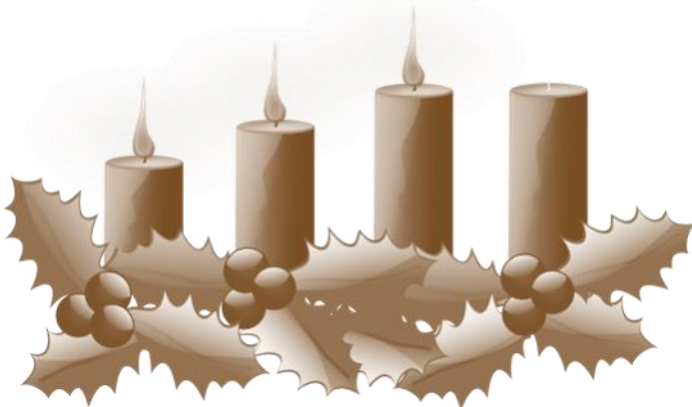
Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 114 Offerings: \$3,758.00

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'Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'"*

Matthew 11:10

John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out his disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance — examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.



† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Catechism Meal Advent Service Lay Ministry Meeting
Friday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service Sunday School/Program Practice

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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