

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."*

Luke 6:36

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 562

**Confession & Absolution**        p. 151

**Introit**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

Fret not yourself because of evil doers;

**be not envious of wrong doers!**

For they will soon fade like the grass

**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord,

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

**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

**Gloria In Excelsis**                p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**              p. 156

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Genesis 45:3-15 (ESV)

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen,

and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

### **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 15:21-26, 30-42(ESV)

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**Holy Gospel: St. Luke 6:27-38 (ESV)**

[Jesus says] *"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.*

*To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."*

*"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 848

**Sermon: God Sent Me Here**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**“What Shall I Render”** p. 159

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**Distribution Hymn** # 623, 409, 851

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**Closing Hymn** # 692

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.

**Welcome to worship** as in the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “appearance.” In this season of the Church year, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Our Annual Voters Meeting:** Please join us for our Annual Meeting following worship this morning. Potluck will follow the meeting.

**Caramel Roll Benefit:** The Family of Concordia will be selling fresh baked, large caramel rolls to raise funds for Robert, Katlyn, and Hollyn Baker to help defray medical expenses. Order forms are on the table in the social hall. **Deadline for pre-orders is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Rolls can be picked up on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2-6 pm and Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 1 pm at the Church. Please put completed order forms in Vicky Yeager’s or Kim Senske’s mailbox.



Suggested donation is \$2.00 per roll.



**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, is March 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme of our mid-week worship will be “Behold the Man!”

**Greeters** are still needed for 2019. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin to indicate which month you volunteer to be a greeter.

**The March calendar** and birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.

**Thank you** to the following for providing bars/cookies for the month of February: Amy Bieber, Peggy Geggelman, Linda Korbyn, Elaine Renner and Aloha Simenson.

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

Attendance: 108 Offerings: \$3,039.00

*“Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”*

St. Luke 30:31

Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus. And every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

## † This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday      *8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                 10:00 am Divine Service  
                 11:00 am Sunday School/Voters Meeting
- Tuesday     1:00 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
- Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism
- Sunday      *8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                 10:00 am Divine Service  
                 11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

### Church Office Hours

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