

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent



*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,  
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

*[Psalm 24:7]*



When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

### **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:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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”**

p. 190

### **Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, *“Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”* And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, *“What are you doing, untying the colt?”* And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their

cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 191	<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 194
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 332	<b>Distribution Hymns: # 331</b> (st. 1-4), 350, 348	
<b>Sermon: He Comes to Save You Now</b>		<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 199
<b>Offering</b>		<b>Thanksgiving</b>	p. 200
<b>Offertory</b>	p. 192	<b>Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	p. 201
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>		<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 334 (st. 1-4)

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 73 Offerings: \$2,999.00

*“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

1 Corinthians 1:9

The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Please join us** for our Family Advent Potluck following worship. Ham and buns will be furnished by Thrivent Action Team funds. You are welcome to bring a dish to share, but if not, please bring yourself. We will have a free will offering for our adopted seminary student, Joseph Greenmyer.



**Peace Came to Earth** is the theme of our mid-week Advent Services. Please join us as we begin our mid-week Advent worship this Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm. Soup and Sandwich suppers are at 5:30 pm.



**“Manger Tales”**, the Children’s Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 24, 10:00 am. Children of any age are invited to participate. Practice began this morning and will continue on December 10 and 17, during the Sunday school hour. If you have any questions, please call or text Katlyn Baker at 701-870-2110.

**Ingathering:** The December Human Care ingathering is “In Need”. Anything you wish to donate. Items will be delivered to Women’s Action & Resource Center before Christmas.

**Thank you** to Julie Voigt, Gina Dikoff and Fellowship, Nona Blaisdell for the cookies, bars and turnovers for fellowship in November.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- † Tammy Gillig and Vivian Zimmerman (Kristi Stevens’ mother);
- † Rev. President Arie Bertsch & family, on the death of his mother;
- † Casey & Julie Voigt, on the death of their brother-in-law, Craig Eslinger.

## † This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday      8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              9:15 am Christmas Program Practice  
              10:00 am Divine Service  
              11:00 am Family Advent Potluck
- Tuesday     9:30 am Circuit Pastors @ Beulah
- Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism  
              5:30 pm Soup & Sandwiches  
              6:30 pm Advent Service
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              11:00 am Bible Class

