

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Walk in love,  
as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*Ephesians 5:2*



But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

### **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 3:1-9

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

### **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:21-37

*[Jesus says] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."*

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away."*

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*“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”*

*“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 704
<b>Sermon</b>	A Holy Heart
<b>Offering</b>	
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<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 610, 865, 878
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### **In our thoughts and prayers,**



- † Jessica Anderson (daughter of Dale & Julie Westemeier) and Mary Jo Larson;
- † Melissa Voegele & family, as they mourn Bruce’s death;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

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## Announcements

**Our Annual Voters Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 26, following worship. Unapproved minutes from the November 20, 2022 meeting are on the table in the social hall. Apple & cherry turnovers will be served during the meeting.

**Fishers of Men:** During the month of February we will be collecting TUNA for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please leave your donations in the shelving unit in the entryway.

**The February calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and "*Portals of Prayer*" booklets are on the table in the social hall.

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

Worship: 72 Offerings: \$6,034.35

*"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,  
but only God who gives the growth."*

1 Corinthians 3:7

Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us throughout the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. The Lord then blesses this response to His grace in turn. He uses our very giving to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

### **✠ This Week at Concordia ✠**

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	2:30 pm	Valentine Cookies @ Knife River Care Center
	4:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

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