

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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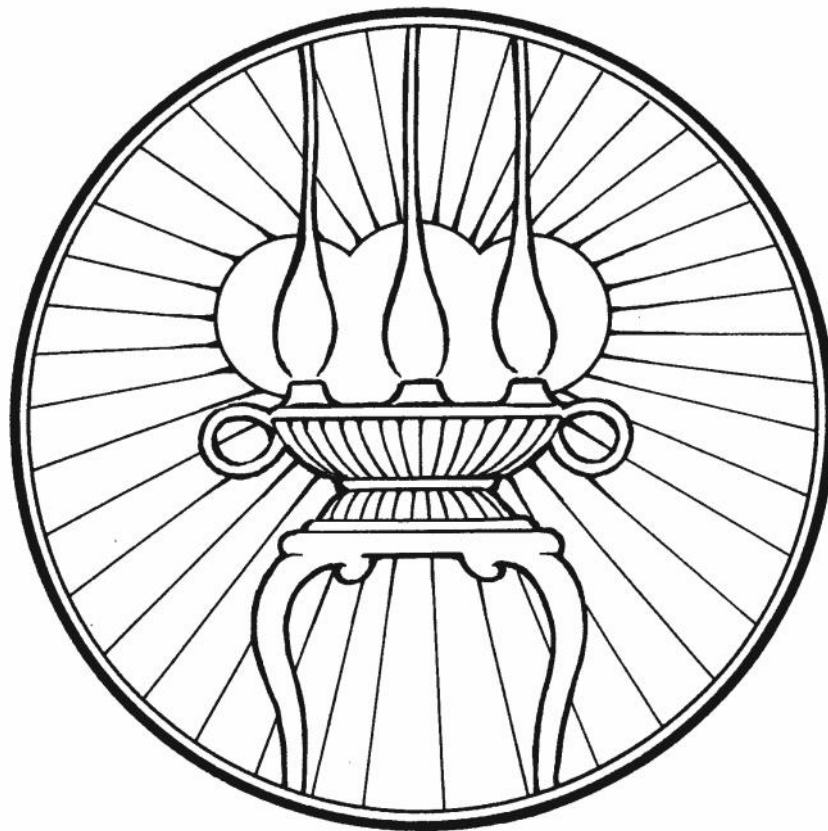
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*"Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory  
to your Father who is in heaven. "*

*Matthew 5:16b*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship** as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. This season teaches us that when we see and hear Jesus, we see and hear God. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Divine Service**

**Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

How can a young man keep his way pure?

**By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I seek you;

**let me not wander from your commandments!**

I have stored up your word in my heart,

**that I might not sin against you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

With my lips I declare

**all the just decrees of your mouth.**

In the way of your testimonies I delight

**as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts

**and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;

**I will not forget your word.**

**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.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation & Collect**

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O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a**

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

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.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

### **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 2:1-12

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

**"Alleluia"**

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## Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-20

*[Jesus says] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."*

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158	<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
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<b>Sermon</b>	"You are!"	<b>"Thank the Lord"</b>	p. 164
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## In our thoughts and prayers,



- † Jessica Anderson (daughter of Dale & Julie Westemeier), Michelle Johnson, (daughter of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Mary Jo Larson;
- † Fern Schlender & family, as they mourn Melvin's death;
- † Melissa Voegele & family, as they mourn Bruce's death.

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## Announcements

The **2023** offering envelopes are here! Check your mailbox.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our brother in the faith, Melvin Schlender. Christian Burial was Thursday, February 2, 2023. *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints (Ps 116:15).*

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our brother in the faith, Bruce Voegele. Christian Burial will be Monday, February 6, 2023. *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (Jn 11:25-26).*

**Our Annual Voters Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 26, following worship. Un-approved 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.

**Thank you** to the family of Walter & Wilma Morast for the donation of an electric roaster for the kitchen.

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

Worship: 99 Offerings: \$2,151.00

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."*

Matthew 5:17

We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	2:00 pm	Bruce Voegele Funeral
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
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