

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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The Baptism of Our Lord



"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. To save us, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River to have the sins of all the world washed upon Him so that He would be the sin bearer for us. At His Baptism, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to carry the guilt of our sin to the death of the cross. Bearing the world's sin, God proclaimed Jesus to be His Son in whom He is well-pleased. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

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Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my son;

today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,

and rejoice with trembling,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

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Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of 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: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "*Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*" Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice

from heaven said, *"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

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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,

† Archie Rosenow, Melvin Schlender, & Brenda Weigum;

† Our care center residents, that God would keep them under His wise grace;



† Our North Dakota Legislature, as they begin their session, that God would give them the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves.

Announcements

Installation of Officers: The following members of our congregation have been chosen by their fellow members to assume positions of special importance and service in our congregation, assisting the pastor in the work of Christ's Church:

Executive Director	Jamey Backus
Assistant Executive Director	Kevin Herrmann
Church Properties	Richard Simenson
Education	Terence Schmidt
Secretary	Tiffany Sommerer
Treasurer	Joslyn Frey
Finance Committee	Lonny Buchmann
Board of Lay Ministry	Robert Baker
	Terry Dschaak
	Aaron Rosenow

As well, we currently have vacancies for Stewardship and Young People's Work, one vacancy on the Board of Lay Ministry and one vacancy on the Finance Committee.



Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our Life of Jesus: Teachings study.

Church pictorial directory: Pictures will be taken beginning this Wednesday, the 11th — Saturday, the 14th. Pictures will also be taken April 4—5. If you have questions, please talk to Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243.



2022 Contribution Statements have been emailed to those providing an email address or are in your mailboxes this morning.

The January calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and "*Portals of Prayer*" booklets are on the table in the fellowship hall.

2023 Greeters are needed. A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



The January Human Care Project is collecting soup and crackers for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please put your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway.



2023 Offering Envelopes have been delayed at the printers. The following methods can be used for your offering:

1. Your leftover envelopes from 2022 can be used.
2. If your offering is a check, it can be placed directly into the collection plate.
3. If your offering is cash, use a green "My Offering" envelope from the pew rack, fill in your name and the amount and place it in the collection plate.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 57 Offerings: \$1,816.00

*But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now,
for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."*

Matthew 3:15

The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service *Installation of Officers
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service *Mites Collection
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*

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