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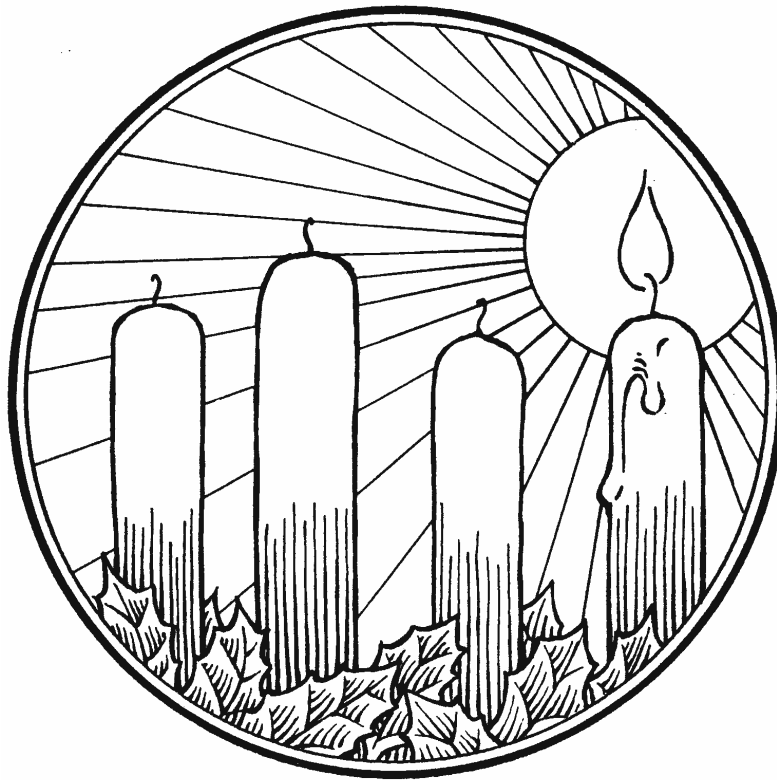
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Beulah, North Dakota

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December 1, 2024

1st 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

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the Church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas when our King comes to save us from all the threatening perils of sin. 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

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O Lord, in the lights of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Advent*

Salutation & Collect

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Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

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.

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 Thessalonians 3:9-13

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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

Announcements

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Olson for leading worship this morning.



Christmas Program: Practice began this morning and continues next Sunday at 9:15 am. Our Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22nd, 10:00 am. If you would like to have your child(ren) in the Program or have questions, please talk to Anne Rosenow.

“Rejoice: The Lord Is at Hand:” Our Midweek Advent services begin this Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30 pm. Our worship is based on Philippians 4:4-5, “Rejoice: The Lord Is at Hand.” Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm.

- December 4: “Rejoice! The Lord has set up a tent among us.”
- December 11: “Rejoice! The marriage supper of the Lamb has come.”
- December 18: “Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.”



Family Advent Potluck: Join us next Sunday, December 8th, following worship. Ham and buns will be furnished. You are invited to bring a dish to share. We will have a free-will offering for our Adopted Seminary Student, Dylan Meyer.

Greeters are needed for the month of December. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall.

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.



The refrigerator/freezer in the kitchen has been replaced. The freezer on the old one does not freeze anymore but the refrigerator works fine. If anyone wants the old one they are welcome to take it, please contact Jamey Backus for more information.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Program Practice
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches—Group 1
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
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	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Advent Potluck

The 2025
Offering Envelopes
are in your
mailboxes
this
morning.

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