

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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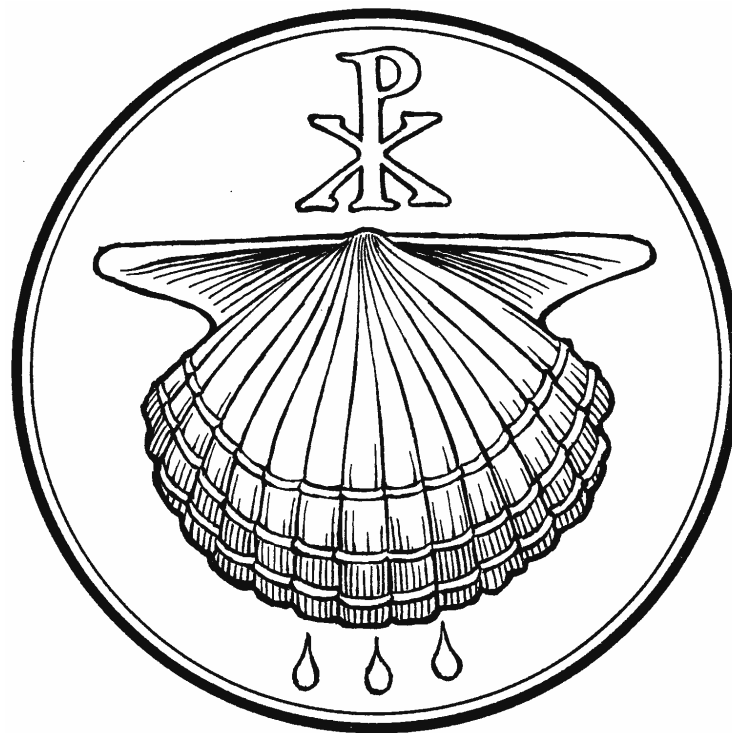
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Baptism of our Lord



*"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.

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.

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 399

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

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.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**                              p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 156

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:** Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**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 your-selves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying,

"After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "*You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.*"

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

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- † Edwin Miller, Hannah Schantz; & Kent Larson;
- † Our newly-installed officers;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 66 Offerings: \$2,742.50

*"And [John] preached, saying, 'After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.'"*

Mark 1:7

John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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## 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:

Chairman, Evangelism	vacant
Chairman, Fellowship	Nona Blaisdell
Chairman, Public Relations	Ray Sorge
Finance Committee	Casey Voigt
Lay Ministry	Chris Bonebrake
	Lucas Hartman*
	*appointed to fill unexpired term
	Jonathan Schlender
	Lyle Yeager

**Poinsettias:** Please feel free to take a poinsettia plant home with you this morning. We would especially like to thank those given in loving memory of Delmar Dschaak by Dorothy & family and in loving memory of Clifford Schaan given by Faye & family.



**The 2024 offering envelopes** are in your mailboxes. Please discard the remaining 2023 envelopes and begin using your new box.

**The 2024 Greeters List** is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please sign-up for the month you would like to be a greeter.



**Ingathering: "Souper Bowl"** The January Human Care ingathering is "Souper Bowl". We are collecting soup and crackers for Women's Action & Resource Center.

**Thank you,** Nona Blaisdell, Tracy Backus and Katlyn Baker for the cookies, bars, doughnuts and rolls served during Fellowship Hour for the month of December.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday      8:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              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  
              7:00 pm      Council Meeting

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