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4th Sunday after Epiphany



*"Blessed are poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3*

† 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!

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For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so;

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

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Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

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



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
 water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each*

In our thoughts and prayers,



† Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber),
 Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Kent Larson,
 & Hannah Schantz.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Greeters are needed for 2026. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The February calendar and birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.

During the month of February donations of tuna and macaroni & cheese will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Snacks for the elementary school snack pantry will also be collected.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 55 Offering: \$1,845.00

"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"

1 Corinthians 1:20

God's ways are certainly not the world's ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He's given to us. The world says, "hold on, hold back and gather up." Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

☩ This Week at Concordia ☩

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Hannover
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
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