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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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December 25, 2011



*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among those with whom He is pleased!*

Luke 2:14

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 379

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Introit

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established;

it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

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Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-20 (ESV)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the

shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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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.

Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the birth of our newborn King! Today, we remember and rejoice in the words of the angel, “I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class this morning or next Sunday, January 1st. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after worship.



Greeters are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

2012 Offering Envelopes: 2012 offering envelopes are on the table in the entryway. Please take yours home.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 26—Wednesday, December 28. In case of emergency, please call Pastor Heller at the parsonage, 873-4223.

The Family of Concordia would like to thank...

- † Tiffany and all who helped with the Children's Christmas Program;
- † Cindy and the bell and chime choirs for their special music;
- † All who served the Wednesday suppers in Advent;
- † Cliff and all who helped with the Christmas bags;
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- † Ray Sorge and the following volunteers who took 14 children shopping on Saturday, December 17th.
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Carla & Brooke Renner, Kristi Stevens,
Debbie Scherer, Connie Bieber, Diana Helm and
Lorraine Sorge.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Greg Caldwell (Lacy Korbyn's uncle) & Betty Hausauer;
† Leon & Corrine Walz (2362 Glasbern Circle, West
Melbourne, FL 32904).

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 136 Offering: \$3,185.00

God wanted to let the world know what was really in His heart. He didn't simply send another prophet but instead sent His only-begotten Son to be born as a human being of the Virgin Mary. God's most precious Christmas gift moves us to show our joy and gratitude in works of love. Christian stewards do good things, not to earn God's favor, but as a response to His extravagant love and gift of a Savior.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday **Christmas Day**
8:30 am Divine Service
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Friday Deadline for January Calendar

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Merry Christmas

