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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.*

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 812

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Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**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.**

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Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, He 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.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Living Epistles

Prayer of the Church

Offering



The Handbell Choir will ring “As the Deer” during the gathering of our morning offerings. This song is based on Psalm 42:1-2a. “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

“What Shall I Render”

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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,

† Our sick and recovering: Betty Hausauer & Leon Korbyn;

† Our residents of nursing homes;

† Nikki Stevens, as she leaves for Kenya, November 8th.

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 102 Offering: \$2,363.00

Christian stewards are the children of God, not by their own works, but only through the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Just as faithful children reflect the positive qualities of their parents, so we are also equipped to live as God's children in all we do as we manage all of life and life's resources [including money, time and talents] to honor our heavenly Father and bring blessings to all His children.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate All Saints' Day. The Lord's Church celebrates All Saints' to remember those who have died in the faith. We remember the grace of God in bringing them to faith and in preserving them in that faith in every joy and sorrow of earthly life. Especially, we remember how they served God, even in the face of persecution, even death. We do not worship the saints, pray to them, or ask them for help in living a Christian life. But, we do honor their memory and we pray that God would give us grace to imitate them in all virtuous and godly living. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School the children will study the account of the Passover. This true story, about the night when the angel of death passed over the homes of God's people who had painted their doors with the blood of a lamb, foreshadows Christ, God's Son, who became the Lamb whose blood was shed for us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, and thus we will never die—we have the gift of eternal life. Ask your children who gives us the faith to believe that Jesus is our Savior?

“The Rescue”: Please join us for Bible Class as we continue watching “The Rescue,” the incredible miracle of Dave & Barb Anderson's rescue from the 30-degree waters of the Bearing Sea after their plane ran out of fuel 2 1/2 miles off the coast of Alaska.

Council Members, please remember to turn in your 2012 budget numbers to the Church office, if you have not done so already.

Nominees for church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please note that we are still in need of a youth director. If you are interested in that position, please talk to Glenn Renner, 948-2534 or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.



Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 20th, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2012 budget.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, Happy Times for children and the September council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

Nikki Stevens, a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and daughter of B. Todd & Kristi Stevens, will be with LCMS World Relief and Human Care in Kisumu, a town in Western Kenya. She is volunteering with a group of Professionals at a hospital with an attached school. You can add her on Facebook or follow the LCMS World Relief and Human Care on their Facebook page. Please keep her in your prayers during this adventure.

The LYF will be holding a Christmas Decoration Drive for The Lutheran Disaster Response Team during the month of November. Items should be placed on the table in the social hall. Items will be sent to Minot the first week of December. We will get more information on where the items will go and if it is to a family or families or to a church.



LYF will be holding their annual Christmas Basket Silent Auction from November 13th through December 18th. All LYF families and anyone else willing to donate a basket is asked to have it at the church by November 13th.

Thank you to all who helped make Truck or Treat a huge success! Thank you to all who donated candy and who handed out candy.

I would like to thank the congregation for the gift for
Clergy Appreciation Month.
Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated!
Pastor Heller

+ This Week at Concordia +

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 10:30 am LWML Business Meeting
 10:30 am LYF Meeting
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 3:00 pm Circuit Forum @ New Salem

Monday 10:00 am Circuit Pastors @ Mandan

Tuesday 10:15 am KRCC Communion
 1:30 pm Naomi Guild

Wednesday 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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