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# Concordia Lutheran Church

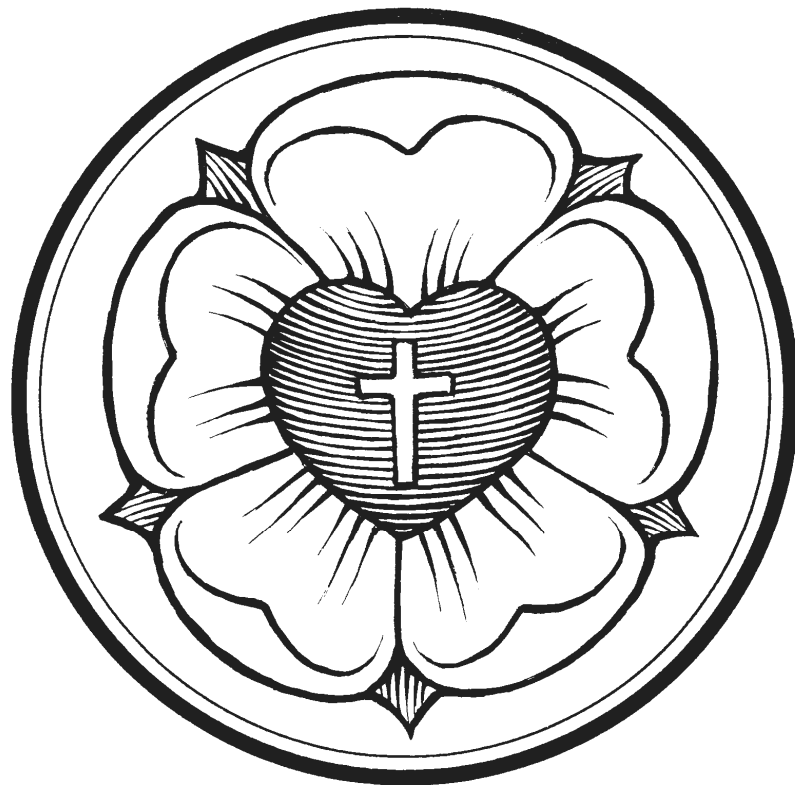
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*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good  
pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

*Luke 12:32*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 947

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**

Come, O children, listen to me;  
**I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
**none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**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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**and shall not be put to shame.**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 152

**Glory to God**                            p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 156

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading:** Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

## **Gradual**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
**in the city of our God!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,  
**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**  
that you may tell the next generation  
**that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

## **Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)**

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

## **Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:12-19 (ESV)**

*From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

*"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, " 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'*

*For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."*

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 656

**Sermon:** *“The kingdom of heaven has suffered violence”*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

*The Handchime Choir will ring “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” during gathering of our morning offerings.*

**“What Shall I Render”** p. 159

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 555, 644

**“Thank the Lord”** p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 655

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,**

† Betty Hausauer, Don Kuch, & Ruth Rueb;

† Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters.



## Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 89    Offering: \$1,628.00

As Christian stewards we use our money, time, abilities, relationships and all of our other resources to support the great work of bringing the message of salvation in Jesus to people who desperately need to hear some good news. We practice this kind of stewardship not in order to gain favor with God but rather as evidence that demonstrates we are the children of God by God's grace and faith in Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Lord!

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 "Protests") to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is not a nice history lesson or merely a story of a heroic churchman who defied the established church. Rather, it is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday School**, is the account of Moses and the plagues on Egypt. Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of His people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin and freed us from sin's bondage. Talk with your children about what it means to be freed from the slavery of sin. Ask them to tell you about the plagues and talk about the power of God Almighty.

**Thrivent Members:** Please take a few moments after worship services this morning to vote for the Mercer-Oliver County Thrivent Chapter Board. A table is set up in the social hall.

**"The Rescue":** Please join us for Bible Class to watch "The Rescue," the incredible miracle of Dave & Barb Anderson's rescue from the 30-degree waters of the Bering Sea.

**Trunk or Treat:** Concordia's Trunk or Treat will be held from 4:30-6:30 pm. All participants are asked to be in the parking lot about 4:15 to set up. Hot dogs and beverages will also be served. If you wish to donate candy for this event, please leave it in the Church kitchen.

**The November calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us and September Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



**Daylight savings time** ends November 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

**Nominations** for Church Officers are being taken at this time. We are in need of 3 elders, and 5 other positions. If you are interested in an office, please talk to Glenn Renner, 948-2534 or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

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

**Greeters** are needed for the month of November. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**A special “thank you”** to Mary Jo Larson, Nona Blaisdell and Esther Eisenbeis for providing bars for the Dave Anderson & Kelly Patten Concert.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. All LYF families and anyone else willing to donate a basket is asked to have it at the church by November 13<sup>th</sup>.



**+ This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	4:30-6:30	Trunk or Treat
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Topic Leaders
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	4:30 pm	Adult Instruction
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
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	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	3:00 pm	Circuit Forum @ New Salem

**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.*