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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.*

Revelation 22:13

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Holy Baptism

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Introit

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!

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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Kyrie

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Glory to God

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Salutation & Collect

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Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:4-6 (ESV)

"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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: Jude 20-25 (ESV)

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 13:24-37 (ESV)

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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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.



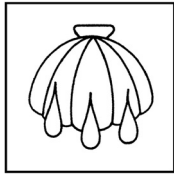
Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 171 Offering: \$3,852.00

As God's growing and maturing stewards we are confident of our salvation and by the Holy Spirit's power strive to live lives worthy of our calling to the praise and glory of Jesus, our one and only Savior!

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year comes near its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes again, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

This morning, we rejoice that Trevor James Anvik, the son of Billy & Crystal Anvik, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord's most gracious promise, Trevor is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death, and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. To God alone be the glory for this most precious washing of new life!



Today in Sunday School students study the account of David and Jonathan. Just as David's and Jonathan's brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so, too, our love for others is the reflection of God's love given to us through Christ. Parents could ask, *"How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?"*

The Intersection of Church & State: Please join us in Bible class this morning as we continue our study of The Intersection of Church & State.

Rev. Kirk Peters will be installed as pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 2nd, 4:00 pm. Fellowship will follow the installation service. A letter of invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Mid-week Advent Service: "The Miraculous Births of Advent" will be the theme of our mid-week Advent Services. We begin with The Birth of Isaac on Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 pm. LWML will be serving soup and sandwiches beginning at 5:30 pm.



LYF will be sponsoring their annual Christmas Basket Silent Auction beginning today, November 25th and running through Sunday, December 16th. The funds raised will go towards the LYF rooms renovations. If you have any questions, please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647. These baskets will make great Christmas gifts!

Children's Christmas Program: All children preschool through 6th grade



are invited to join us in the Children's Christmas Program on December 16th. Practice will begin on Sunday, December 2nd following Sunday school until about 11:30 am. A second practice will be on Sunday, December 9th, at the same time. A part is being reserved for your child/children. If your child/children will not be joining us, please call Vicky Yeager at 873-5647 before November 30th.

Greeters are needed for the month of December. Please sign-up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you are interested.

All women of Concordia are invited to St. Peter Lutheran Church's annual LWML Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 5th, 12:00 noon. RSVP to Bernice Bornemann, 794-3481.



LWML Family Advent Potluck Dinner will be Sunday, December 9th, 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to join us and bring a dish to share.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	5:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for December calendar information
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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