

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"My eyes have seen Your salvation; a light for  
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory  
to your people Israel."*

*Luke 2:30, 32*

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 352 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**Gloria Patri**

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**Kyrie**

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**Gloria In Excelsis**

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## Salutation & Collect

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O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## 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:** Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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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** in the season of Christmas, the season of celebrating our Savior's birth. When Simeon and Anna gazed upon the Christ Child, they saw God's promise fulfilled. As they joyfully welcomed the Savior of the nations, so let us also rejoice at His birth and look to the future with the joy and hope of Christmas forever in our hearts. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Please join us** for coffee following worship this morning.

**The newly-elected officers** of the congregation will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.



**Offering Envelopes for 2015** are in your mailboxes this morning. Please take them home with you and begin using them next Sunday.

**Greeters** are needed for 2015. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**Please** have all items for the January calendar turned into the Church office by January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adopted Seminary Students:** At the Advent Brunch, \$193.00 was given for the two adopted seminary students: Eli Voigt of Bethel, Bismarck and Andrew Wolfram of Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck. Along with the collections from the LWML guilds this fall we were able to send \$200.00 to each of these seminary students.

My family and I would like to say a heartfelt  
"Thank You" for remembering us at Christmas.  
Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly  
appreciated!

Pastor Heller

## **The family of Concordia would like to thank...**

- \* All who helped with the soup and sandwich suppers during Advent;
  - \* Joslyn Frey and Anne Rosenow, for directing the children's program and all who helped with the program;
  - \* Cindy Peterson and the bell and chime choirs for their special music;
  - \* Vicky Yeager, for organizing the Christmas poinsettias;
  - \* Tom Bornemann and all who helped with the Christmas bags.
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## **In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Esther Bornemann, Mabel Eisenbeis, Carl Fischer, Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner) & Duane Walz.



## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 223 Offerings: \$6,014.16

“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
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		* Installation of Officers
	9:30 am	Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.*