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*With you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.*

*Psalm 36:9*

**Divine Service**                      Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 425

**Holy Baptism**                        p. 268

### **Introit**

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

**Gloria Patri**                        p. 186

**Kyrie**                                p. 186

**Gloria In Excelsis:** *omitted during Lent*

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 189

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning;  
and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children  
and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily  
acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and  
serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

## **Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 42:14-21 (ESV)

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord?

He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## **Gradual**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## **Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV)

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**"Alleluia":** *omitted during Lent*

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (ESV)

As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, *"It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, *"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"* (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, *"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"* He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, *"You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you."* He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, *"For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."*

**Hymn of the Day** # 551

**Sermon**

**Offertory** p. 192

**Offering**

*The Handbells will ring "The Lamb" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

**Prayer of the Church**

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<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 199
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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,**

- † Blanche Becker and Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother);
- † Justin & Lacy Korbyn & family, on the death of Lacy's grandfather;
- † Whitten & Gretchen, baptized today.



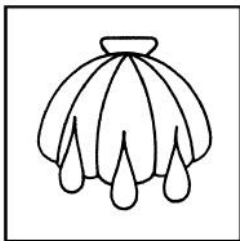
**Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 105 Offerings: \$2,867.00

I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control – so we can follow His Word in confidence.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

**At the Font:** We rejoice that Whitten Kaylee Senske, the daughter of Steve



Senske & Sadie Sargent, and Gretchen Grace Holder, the daughter of Ryan & Amanda Holder, are born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ’s most gracious promise, Whitten and Gretchen are baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, their sins are forgiven, they are delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. “[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).”

**The Great Deceiver:** Is Satan a real being, or just an outdated representation of evil? The Bible speaks of him as a rebel angel leading his followers against God and all of God’s children. Please join us this morning, as we continue our Bible study, “The Great Deceiver.”



**Our midweek worship** continues this Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. “The King Mocked” will be the focus of our worship. Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 p.m. served by the LYF & Elders.

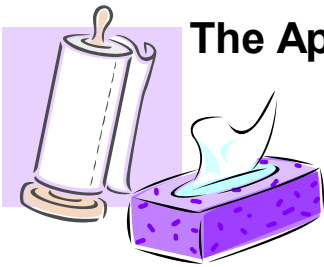
**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation April 3-7. In case of emergency, please call Glenn & Carla Renner, 948-2534.

**Tiffany Scherer** will be with us on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> during the Bible class hour to share with us her experience in Kenya. Tiffany went to Kenya as part of a Medical Missionary Team with LCMS World Relief & Human Care last November.

**The LWML** will be collecting items to make children's birthday cake kits to donate to Women's Action & Resource Center. The kits will be assembled at the LWML joint meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Items needed are cake mixes, frosting, candles and foil pans. Those wishing to donate toward this project may leave the items on the LWML table in the social hall where a sample kit is on display. Thank you.



**The April** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, February council minutes and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



**The April Human Care Project** is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Some items may include paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, Kleenex, etc.

***We are the ND District...***

This week is April Fools' Day. Some would think that giving our firstfruits and offerings to a God we cannot see is foolish. We believe that this God became flesh to take our sins upon Himself in order to give us His righteousness. In our ND District, we thank Pastor Hartley, for his faithful leadership in stewardship, reminding us that we give our offerings to a Living God, not to become God's children, but because we are God's children in Christ Jesus.

President Barneck

## † 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>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> -year Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches—LYF & Elders
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	LWML Joint Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service * Mites collected
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

### 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*