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# 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**

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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 nation.**

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.**

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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:** Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (ESV)

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

"When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

**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:** Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these

put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

“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. Forty days after our Savior's birth, in accordance with the Old Testament Law, His parents took Him to the temple to consecrate Him to God. There, the holy family met aged Simeon. Taking the Christ-child into his arms, Simeon sings, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace." With Simeon, we sing these same words, knowing that we are at peace with God through Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Please join us** for coffee and fellowship after worship this morning.

**The newly-elected officers** of the congregation will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Offering Envelopes for 2016** are in your mailboxes this morning. Please take them home with you and begin using January 3, 2016.

**2016 Greeters List** is also posted on the bulletin board. Please consider being a greeter the month of your choice.

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

- All who helped with soup and sandwich suppers during Advent;
- Anne, for directing the children's program and Cindy, Melissa, Katlyn, and Joslyn for helping with the program;
- Cindy and the bell and chime choirs for their special music;
- Tom and all who helped with the Christmas bags.

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Langmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

## Children's Shopping Spree

Thirteen area youth were treated to a Christmas shopping spree and a pizza lunch.

Thanks to all of the following who volunteered to help. Without you this wouldn't be such a success.

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| Amy & Dawson Bieber   | Katlyn Dschaak                        |
| Robert Baker          | Melissa & Mikayla Voegele             |
| Carla Renner          | Faron Scherer                         |
| Howard & Pede Winkler | Lorraine, my behind the scenes helper |

And, Link Reinhiller, who is always the first to sign up and help where needed.

Lastly, thank you to the family of Concordia for allowing this event to take place.

Public Relations Chairman,  
Ray Sorge

*My family and I would like to say a heartfelt  
"Thank You"  
to the congregation, the L'WML, and all who  
remembered us at Christmas. Your kindness and  
thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!*  
*Pastor Heller*

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service  
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
2:30 pm Pastor @ Knife River Care  
Center

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

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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HAPPY  
New Year