

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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Christmas Day



*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

Divine Service

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

358 (st. 1-6)

Confession & Absolution

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Introit

For 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.

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!

For 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.

Gloria Patri

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Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten
Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin;
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 52:7-10 (ESV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

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.

Gradual

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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: Hebrews 1:1-6 (ESV)

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Holy Gospel: St. John 1:1-14 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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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,

† Our sick & recovering: Tom Bornemann, Elsie Buchmann, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Anna Pischel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Avery Sukut (cousin of Bieber), & Brenda Weigum.



Please join us for a baby
shower honoring

James Carl Anvik

Sunday, January 8, 2017
2 o'clock in the afternoon
Concordia Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to attend and
welcome James into the family of
Concordia.

Hosted by LWML

Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the birth of our newborn King Jesus! Today, we remember and rejoice in the words of the angel, “I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class this morning or next Sunday, January 1st. There will also be **no** coffee following worship this morning.



Your 2017 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning. Please discard all old envelopes as your envelope numbers may have changed.

The Church office will be closed Monday—Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call the parsonage, 873-4223.

The family of Concordia would like to thank...

† Katlyn and all who helped with the Children’s Christmas program;

† Cindy and the bell and chime choirs for their special music;

† All who served soup and sandwiches during Advent;

† Glenn & Carla, and all who helped with the Christmas bags;

† Vicky, for arranging poinsettias;

† Ray, Lorraine, and all who helped with the gift wrapping for the angel tree gifts.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 226 Offerings: \$7,376.03

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness: Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride: Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts, and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.

WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). To everyone in the North Dakota District, a most blessed twelve days of Christmas to all of you. God has come to deliver us from sin, death, and the devil. No greater gift could we be given!

Pastor Baneck, DP

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for January calendar
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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