

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

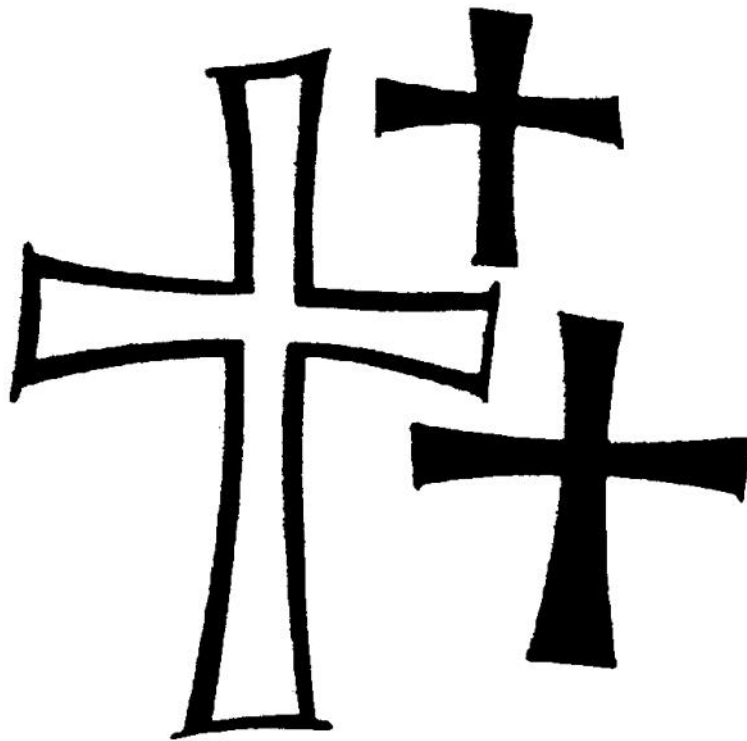
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January 31, 2016

4th Sunday after Epiphany



*"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to other towns
as well; for I was sent for this purpose."*

Luke 4:43b

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 (ESV)

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 4:31-44 (ESV)

And [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at His teaching, for His word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "*Be silent and come out of him!*" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf. And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them, but He said to them, "*I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.*" And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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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: 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), & Alvin Weidner.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016

Welcome to worship in the season of Epiphany. "Epiphany" means "appearance". In this season of the Church year, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Installation: Rev. Jonathan J. Walla will be installed as pastor of our sister congregation, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, on Sunday, February 7th, 3:00 pm (CST). A meal will be served immediately following the service.

Voters Meeting: Our annual voters meeting will be Sunday, February 21st, following worship. Potluck brunch will follow the annual meeting.

Greeters: Greeters are needed for 2016. The greeters list is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up for the month of your choice.

"Thank You" Dorothy Dschaak and Marlene Schriefer for providing bars/cookies for last Sunday's coffee hour.

The February calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, "*Happy Times*" booklets for the children and the council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

It is time again to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Go to www.thrivent.com, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at the prompt or visit Thrivent's office on Main Street.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 125 Offerings: \$3,801.50

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." Love is the greatest of the three "theological virtues" because God is Love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God's being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper/Naomi Guild
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