

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent



*Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of  
glory may come in.*

*Psalm 24:7*

**Divine Service**                      Setting Three

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 341

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 184

**Introit**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation.**

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

**O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**you are my God; I will extol you.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

**Gloria Patri**                              p. 186

**Kyrie**                                        p. 186

**Gloria in Excelsis** *is omitted during Advent*

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 189

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### **Gradual**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

### **Epistle Reading:** Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**“Alleluia”**

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### **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)

[Jesus says] *"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.*

*Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”*

**Nicene Creed** p. 191

**Hymn of the Day** # 332

**Sermon:** The Days of Noah and the Days of You

**Offertory** p. 192

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

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**Distribution Hymns** # 343, 515, 642

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**Closing Hymn** # 331

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), Alvin Weidner, & Brenda Weikum.

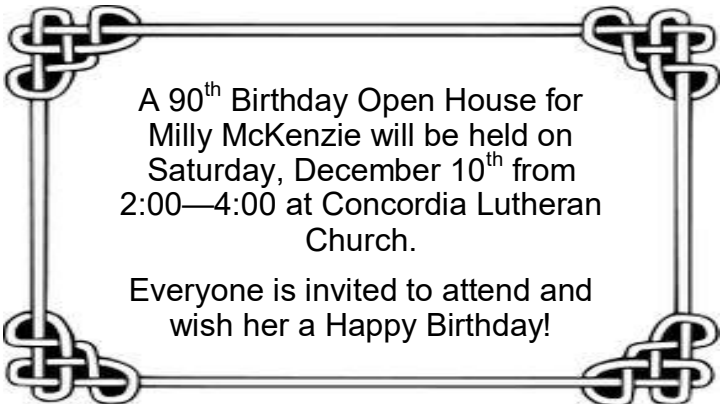


## Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 130 Offerings: \$2,768.50

“If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

**WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** – Advent is a very important time of the Church year. As Advent begins the church year anew, it also begins the festival half of the Church year and the (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) Christmas Cycle. Advent means “coming,” as we prepare our souls and lives for the coming of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, in Word and Sacrament, and on the Last Day when He returns in glory. Pastor Baneck, DP



A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Milly McKenzie will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00—4:00 at Concordia Lutheran Church.

Everyone is invited to attend and wish her a Happy Birthday!

**Welcome to worship** this morning as we begin a new Church year on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome our King, Jesus, who first came to us at His birth at Christmas. As we live in the time between His first and second coming, we rejoice that Jesus comes to us through His Word and Sacraments to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Alive in Christ, we are ready to welcome our King at His final coming. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Please join us** for cookies/bars & coffee following worship this morning. “Thank you” Pede Winkler & Clare Renner for providing cookies/bars on November 13.



**Please place** donations for law enforcement on the table in the social hall. Thank you.

**Church Decorating:** Please join us after Bible class & Sunday School this morning to help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas.



**Unwrapping the Gifts** is the theme of our mid-week Advent Services. Please join us for worship this Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served by the LWML before worship, beginning at 5:30 pm.

**Christmas cards** are on sale in the social hall. They are \$ 4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks should be made out to LWML.

**The December calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, October council minutes, and “*My Devotions*” & “*Happy Times*” devotional booklets for the youth are on the table in the social hall.



**Greeters** are needed for the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

## **Isn't it Strange?**

Isn't it strange how a \$100 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the Church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how endless an hour seems when we are serving God, but how short it is when we watch a football game for 60 minutes?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at the church and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find things to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble on thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in the church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for the church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in emails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

**IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?**

Are you laughing? - Are you thinking about it?  
Spread the word, and thank God, because He loves you.

Richard Simenson, Stewardship Chairman

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Program Practice/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Church Decorating
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches—LWML
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
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	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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