## Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod 801 Beacon Lane Beulah, North Dakota Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor December 2, 2018

1st 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** # 343 **Confession & Absolution** p. 184

Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O Lord, in the lights of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Gloria Patri p. 186 Kyrie p. 186

Gloria In Excelsis: 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

## 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:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

"Alleluia" p. 190

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

And when [Jesus] had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!". And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Nicene Creed p. 191 Hymn of the Day # 332

**Sermon:** "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Offertory** p. 192

Offering

**Prayer of the Church** 

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 194

**Distribution Hymns:** # 331 (st. 1-4), 357 (st. 1-5), 620

Nunc Dimittis p. 199
Thanksgiving p. 200
Benedicamus and Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn # 350

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 i commune. Therefore, we ask that onlv communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri I commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to I receive the Sacrament.

## In our thoughts and prayers,

† Kent Larson & Brenda Weigum;

† Walter Morast & Family, on the death of his son, Veryl.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 108 Offerings: \$2,662.50

**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!



**Christmas Program:** Practice begins this morning during the Sunday School hour. Parents, please let Anne Rosenow know if your child(ren) will be in the program, so she can give them a part. The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 23, 10:00 am.



**Advent Potluck:** Please join us for Advent potluck today at 12:00 pm. Ham & buns will be furnished. Congregation members are asked to bring a dish to share. A free will offering will be taken for our seminary student.

**Advent:** Our midweek Advent services begin this Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 pm. This week, our worship will focus on Malachi 3:1-7b. Work group #1 will be preparing the meal, which begins at 5:30 pm. Group #2 will be serving December 12<sup>th</sup> and Group #3 serving December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Elders, we will meet Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, following the Advent Service.

**Christmas Cards** are for sale in the social hall. They are \$4 per box. Please make checks payable to LWML and give the money to Tina Heller.

**Thank you** to Tracy Backus and family, Krystal Bornemann, Carla Renner, Lorraine Sorge and Julie Voight, for providing bars/cookies for the month of November.

**Donations** of anything you want will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may include personal care items, Macaroni & Cheese, cereal, etc.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm	Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service Program Practice/Bible Class
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Beulah
Wednesday	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Catechism Meal – Work Group #1 Advent Service Elders Meeting
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
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