

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



*"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*John 1:29b*

## ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**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!

### **Divine Service**

### **Setting One**

#### **Hymn of Invocation**

# 570 (st. 1-4)

#### **Confession & Absolution** p. 151

#### **Introit**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,

**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,

**and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,

**and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words,

**whose voice is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

**In them he has set a tent for the sun.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.**

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#### **Kyrie**

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#### **Gloria in Excelsis**

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## **Salutation & Collect** p. 156

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

## **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 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**“Alleluia”**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. John 1:29-42a

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "*What are you seeking?*" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means

Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "*Come and you will see.*" So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE  
WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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.



*For those unable to drink wine,  
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each  
individual cup tray.*

## Announcements

**2025 Contribution Statements** were emailed to those who have provided an email address. If you did not receive the statement, please check your Church mailbox. If you have any questions, please talk to Sandy.



**“Souper Bowl”** During the month of January donations of soup and crackers will be collected for Summit Recovery Center in Stanton.



**2026 Greeters** are needed for 2026. A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



**In our thoughts and prayers,**  
Our sick & recovering, Jim Geggelman,  
Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber),  
Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), & Hannah Schantz.

Many congregations this month focus on the sanctity of human life. God created human beings as unique among His creatures: animals have bodies but no souls, angels are spirits without bodies, but humans were created with both body and soul. And our Lord became a man to redeem mankind. Human life is His gift from the moment of conception to natural death. Christ died for every person—from the child in the womb to the aged. All human life is valuable in His sight, regardless of a person's abilities. Let us speak for the weakest among us, especially those who cannot speak or defend themselves.

Rev. Mark Chepulis

North Dakota District President



## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 61    Offerings: \$9,630.00

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him,  
and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!' "*

*John 1:29*

The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? Did they understand that God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out give God, for all that we have is His.

## ✝ This Week at Concordia ✝

Today            8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
                    9:15 am    Sunday School  
                    10:00 am   Divine Service  
                    11:00 am   Bible Class

Monday          7:00 pm    Sarah Guild

Tuesday        1:30 pm    Bible Class

Wednesday    4:00 pm    Catechism

Sunday           8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
                    9:15 am    Sunday School  
                    10:00 am   Divine Service  
                    11:00 am   Bible Class

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or  
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