

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



*With you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.*

*Psalm 36:9*



for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord?

He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**Gradual**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For

it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**"Alleluia"** *is omitted during Lent*

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, *"It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, *"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"* (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, *"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"* He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, *"You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you."* He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, *"For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."*

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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.*

**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- ✠ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), and Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge;
- ✠ Raelynn, baptized today.



# stewardship

## Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 70      Offerings: \$36,466.00

*"I cry to You, O Lord; I say,  
'You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living.'"*

Psalm 142:5

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

Lent is a wonderful time to form or renew the habit of daily Scripture reading. One simple way to do this is by praying the Psalms daily. During Lent, I like to focus on the penitential Psalms: Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. These Psalms give words to our repentance and deliver the precious Gospel into our ears. I encourage you to take a few minutes each day to meditate upon the Psalter.

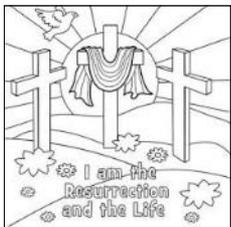
Rev. Mark Chepulis  
North Dakota District President

## Announcements

**At the Font:** We rejoice that Raelynn Emma Meyer, the daughter of Hunter Meyer & Jasmine Gegelman, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Raelynn is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, her sins are forgiven, she is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. *[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).*



**The “I AM” sayings of Jesus:** God revealed Himself to Moses simply and profoundly as “*I am*” (*Exodus 3:14*). In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist records for us Jesus speaking those exact words to reveal and make Himself known to us as “very God of very God” (Nicene Creed). For our midweek worship in the season of Lent, we will be looking at the “I AM” sayings of Jesus. Please join us as we continue this Wednesday, looking at the words of Jesus, “*I AM the resurrection and the life*” (*John 11:25*). Worship will be at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.



**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** The deadline to direct your dollars is March 31. You can direct Choice Dollars online by logging onto [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and going to Generosity or Member Benefits and choosing “Thrivent Choice Dollars”. You can also direct Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836.

**During the month of March** donations of snacks for children will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center.



**2026 Greeters** are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

## † 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 Study
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

### Church Office Hours

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

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