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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

If you are our guest, please fill out a visitor card (in the pew rack behind the Communion cards) and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. If you worship regularly with us and have a new address, a prayer request or a message for the pastor or the church office, you are welcome to use the visitor card to share that with us. Thank you!

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in our multi-purpose room on the side of the Narthex.

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

The First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 2, 2018

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

Opening Hymn: “*Savior of the Nations, Come*”

LSB 332

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Ps. 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

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

C: Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

C: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

P: who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

C: For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

All: 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.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

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

C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading

1 *Thessalonians 3:9-13*

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so 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

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 192

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: “*The Advent of Our King*”

LSB 331

Sermon: “Blessed is the King” Luke 19:28-40

Offertory: “*Create in Me*”

LSB 192

Offering

Prayers of the Church (*Congregational response: “Hear our prayer”*)

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn: “*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*”

LSB 348

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in this Morning's Service

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| Worship Leader: | Rev. Steven Theiss |
| Greeters: | Clifford and Kathy Stueve |
| Organist: | Sarah Benkendorf |
| Acolyte: | Evan Schuessler |
| Elder: | Doug Hemman |
| Ushers: | Jason Steffens, Dwayne Roth, Zachary Word, Dustin Roth |
| Audio/Visual Team: | Tony Vogel, Diane Petzoldt |

Guest Worship Leaders

Sundays, December 9, 16, & 23, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss
Advent Services, Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day,
Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss

This Week's Schedule

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| Today, Dec. 2 | After Worship | Refreshments and Fellowship |
| Tues., Dec. 4 | | Dartball (Bye Week for Frohna) |
| | 6 p.m. | <i>EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary, Cape (C & A Teams) (Home at APS)</i> |
| Wed., Dec. 5 | 9 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 4 p.m. | Advent Worship at Immanuel, Altenburg |
| | 7 p.m. | Advent Worship at Concordia |
| Thurs., Dec. 6 | 5:45 p.m. | <i>EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball vs. IC/Eagle Ridge (C & A Teams) (Home at APS)</i> |
| Sat., Dec. 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Worship, with Holy Communion, at Saleme, Farrar |
| Sun., Dec. 9 | 8 a.m. | Bible Class |
| | 9 a.m. | Worship/Holy Communion |
| | After Worship | <i>Scrip Sales</i> |

Weekly Devotions (Advent 2)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!"

Bible Stories

12/03 -- M: Numbers 24:10-19
12/04 -- Tu: 2 Samuel 7:11b-17
12/05 -- W: Isaiah 7:10-14
12/06 -- Th: Isaiah 9:6-7
12/07 -- F: Isaiah 11:1-5

Bible Verse

³⁰Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs,
what must I do to be saved?"

³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved, you and your
household." Acts 16:30-31 (ESV)

Catechism

The Third Article and Meaning –
Santification – "I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen. *What does this mean?*
I believe that I cannot by my own reason or
strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or
come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called
me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His
gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers,
enlightens, and sanctifies the whole
Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with
Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this
Christian Church He daily and richly forgives
all my sins and the sins of all believers. On
the Last Day He will raise me and all the
dead, and give eternal life to me and all
believers in Christ. This is most certainly
true."

Announcements

A Word of God to chew on this week: ³⁰Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:30-31 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

Church Attendance: Worship – 142, one year ago – 156; Adult Bible Class – 14, one year ago – 18; Thanksgiving Day – 153, one year ago – 230

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your thoughts, prayers, and by your visits – Dorene Grebing, Rose Hemmann, Flora Kassel, and Arnold Lorenz at Independence Court in Perryville; Tillie Luckey at Independence Care in Perryville; and Junior Boettcher who is homebound.

Prayer Chain: Prayer is a powerful gift. A prayer chain, made up of members of our congregation, is always available. If you have a prayer need or concern for anyone, and would like immediate prayers to be offered, call a member of the Prayer Chain. Call Helen Grebing (824-5768) or Pat Petzoldt (824-5912) to get it started. If neither of those two answer, a complete list is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex. Any LWML member will know how to activate the chain.

Advent is upon us. Please come to the Midweek Services on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19, at 7 p.m. to further prepare yourself for the Birthday of our Lord and Savior. (Advent Worship at 4 p.m. will be held at Immanuel, Altenburg.)

“The Coming King” Advent devotional booklets are still available today on the north buffet.

The 2019 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the multipurpose room.

Christmas Gifts and Cards Available – The LWML is once again offering Christmas and other greeting cards for sale. Along with cards, small kitchen gadgets are also available for under \$10. Gadgets available include various knives, pie servers, wire whips, knife sharpeners, dish cloths, scouring pads, and more. They would make great Christmas stocking stuffers and exchange gifts. These gifts will be available after worship in the multi-purpose room today and Sundays until Sunday, December 16.

Poinsettias beautify the church during the Christmas Season! It's time to sign the donation list if you would like to place a poinsettia at the altar. The price is \$10 each. A sign-up sheet is on the south buffet. Please note if you would like to have your poinsettia given for a special occasion. Next Sunday, December 9, is the last day to sign up. Thanks to all for helping to have the sanctuary decorated for the Christmas Season!

Food for the Christmas Country Church Tour – Would you help us treat our visitors for the church tour on Thursday and Friday, December 13 and 14? **All kinds of finger foods are welcome.** We've helped the visitors feel the welcoming friendliness of our congregation in past years. **We also welcome anyone to greet the guests** who have traveled some hundreds of miles to visit our church. Sign-up sheets for food and greeting are located on the south buffet. Several bus loads of guests will be arriving from St. Louis and other places to visit here at Concordia and the 33 locations on tour this year.

Baking dishes left after the funeral luncheon are in the multipurpose room. You may pick up your dish! Thanks so much for your donation of food for the Roth Family!

A newsletter from Erin Mackenzie, serving in the Dominican Republic, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

LWML Mites: Our LWML collects mites to support mission projects throughout the world. Mites are money in any denomination that is used to fund worthy mission projects that are selected by the National and Missouri District LWML. Our local LWML invites everyone to help support these projects. If you wish to help, please put your “mites” in the specially-marked box in the LWML closet in the multi-purpose room.

Concordia’s Church Council will meet on Monday, December 10, at 7 p.m.

A new Greeter’s Schedule will be published in December. If you are interested in adding your name to the list of people who welcome members and visitors to church services, please contact the church office by Wednesday, December 12.

After prayerful consideration, the Nomination Committee has compiled the following list of people to serve in various offices (listed alphabetically). The slate of officers will be presented to the voters at the Budget Meeting on December 16. The list includes: **President** (4-year term) – Doyle Lueders, Todd Petzoldt; **Financial Secretary** (3-year term) – Jenny France, Peggy Scholl; **Elder** (4-year term) – Dennis Hecht, Clifford Stueve; **UCLS Board** (2-year term) – Nathan Best, Robert Martin II; **Trustee** (3-year term) – Kevin Martyn, Dwayne Roth. If your name is on the list, please remember that God has gifted you with certain talents, and there are more than a few who believe that those talents can and should be used for a time in service to God’s people here at Concordia. Being a child of God includes using your gifts and talents for the sake of others, unto the glory of God. Please prayerfully consider this as you see God’s people asking you to serve.

Concordia Voters Budget Meeting will be Sunday, December 16, after worship.

November Contributions: 4th – \$6,610.00; 11th – \$8,497.00; 18th – \$7,337.00; 22nd (Thanksgiving) – \$6,776.00; 25th – \$5,049.00; Saxony Lutheran High School Scholastic Fund – \$60.00; and Door Offering for Lutheran World Relief – \$450.81

Contributions – We need an average income per week of \$8,062.79 to fund the work of the school and the church. We have been averaging far below that amount, and are now behind. At the end of the 3rd quarter, we were at \$-27,557.55. Please prayerfully consider your response to God’s blessings as you support our work together in the church.

Please help fill the Christmas decorated box in the meeting room with items **for the Regional Crisis Center** by Sunday, December 16. The Regional Crisis Center is in need of the following items: brushes, scrunchies, white socks, pajamas, body wash, hair spray, mousse, house shoes, adult coloring books, colored pencils, any kind of craft kits, journals, nail care kits, hair accessories, body pillows, wallets, copy paper, gas cards, and Walmart gift cards. LWML members will transport the items. If you have any questions, please call Denise Morrison (824-5605).

“Thank You!” – We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and sympathy shown to us following the recent passing of our beloved Katie Lorenz, whether it be through flowers, gifts, memorials, cards, kind words, or maybe just a hug when there were no words at all. We especially want to thank Pastor Abernathy for his visits and comforting message. Our church families can always be counted on during times of stress – what a blessing for all of us. Jonathan and Mason; Karen, Dennis, Emily, and Family; Dean, Joyce, and Family

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

A Chili Lunch, hosted by Concordia LYF, will be Sunday, December 16, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the UCLS Gym. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal with proceeds being used to help Concordia’s youth attend the 2019 National Youth

Gathering. Let us cook lunch for you before you head out to finish your last-minute Christmas details!

Baked Goods Table – The LYF will have baked goods available at the table each Sunday. (If you wish to donate something, please drop off your donation on Sunday morning before church. Thanks!)

The LYF is collecting aluminum cans. If you have any cans you would like to donate, please place them in garbage bags (tied/closed) in the storage shed on the picnic grounds. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

Are you having an auction, or do you have a family member or friend having an auction? Concordia's youth are looking to do concession stands for auctions in the area. Please contact Gina Wunderlich at 573-837-3484 if you would like the youth to do a concession stand.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

LFCS Season of Sharing Program – LFCS is changing the Season of Sharing program to allow LFCS to help all of its clients with their Christmas needs rather than groups adopting just one family. To do this, LFCS is seeking multiple locations that are willing to place special LFCS Season of Sharing Christmas ornaments on their trees. The ornaments will have individual gift items listed on them, along with the family number that it belongs to. LFCS is also going to include some ornaments with more generic gift suggestions like gift cards, diapers, wipes, etc. that could be used by clients throughout the year. If you want to give to a family, but do not have a tree with Season of Sharing ornaments on it, please come by the LFCS Office to choose an ornament from the tree. For more information, or if your organization is interested in participating, please contact Morgan Beasley at LFCS at 334-5866.

LFCS now offers counseling for various situations, both personal and family. For more information, contact LFCS.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Immanuel Christmas Home Tour will be today, December 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each at the door. The home tour will have treats at each home and door prizes. Homes on the tour will include: Brian and Tammy Dreyer, 1001 Sunset Dr, Perryville; Charlie and Connie Mattingly, 804 Crestview Ln, Perryville; Dennis and Sandy Lohmann, 28 Spring Lake Rd, Perryville; Chad and Dawn Ozark, 962 PCR 310, Perryville; and Chris and Alison Porter, 217 E Ste Marie, Perryville. Proceeds from the home tour will benefit the Immanuel Lutheran School 7th Graders' Washington DC Trip.

The Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Chili Dinner, will be today, December 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Perryville Senior Center. Lunch will include chili, sides, dessert, and drink for \$6. All proceeds will benefit the meals program.

The Annual Christmas Service will be today, December 2, at 3 p.m. at Hill of Peace Lutheran Church, Freidenberg. Rev. Rod Benkendorf will be the guest speaker. Immanuel Men's Choir will provide special music. A light supper will be served following the service.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the East Perry County Lions, will be held tomorrow, December 3, from 2-7 p.m. in the Salem Lutheran School Gym, Farrar.

A Christmas Remembrance and Memorial Service will be held tomorrow, December 3, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. This service will be open to the community to offer encouragement, support, and hope through the Christmas

Season. If you have lost a loved one, please come, and invite a neighbor or family member who has lost a loved one and may need support.

A Musical Journey of Advent and Christmas by The Diamond Star Ensemble will be next Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. The Diamond Star Ensemble includes a harp, soprano, violin, flute, and cello.

Christmas Story Time will be Saturday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Riverside Regional Library, Altenburg. Take a break from the holiday preparations, and come to the library for some holly, jolly Saturday fun. Enjoy stories, crafts, games, and refreshments, and visit with a very special guest all the way from the North Pole!

“Celebrate Jesus!” on Saturday, December 15, from 9-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Jackson. This free event, sponsored by the St. Paul Early Childhood Task Force for families with young children (ages 6 months-1st grade), will include crafts, activities, a snack, door prizes, and a live nativity to celebrate the birth of Jesus. For more information, please contact Amy (270-3017) or Lisa (225-2454).

God has blessed Harlin and Rose Oberndorfer with 60 years of marriage. Please join them in celebrating with an Open House on Sunday, December 16, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Parish Hall, Altenburg.

The Annual Christmas Concert, “Light of the World”, will be presented on Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau. The concert will feature sacred Christmas Carols, old and new. A reception will follow the concert.

If you would like to help those affected by the California wildfires, Thrivent will match up to \$250,000 in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com for details on giving and to see a list of organizations included in the match.

Donations made to Lutheran Hour Ministries can now be doubled by a SENT \$500,000 matching grant. The goal of SENT is to carry the Gospel to 100 million individuals worldwide. Donations may be made by visiting the Lutheran Hour Ministries website, lhm.org, and clicking “Donate”. Or, you may also donate by phone at 1-800-944-3450, or mail your donation to: Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, we wish our listeners a blessed Advent! Hear the midweek Advent Service broadcast live from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, this Wednesday, December 5, at 12 p.m. Continue in “The New Covenant” series on *Sharper Iron* about living as New Testament Christians with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors weekdays at 8 a.m. We talk about finances and budgeting in the ministry family with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on *The Coffee Hour* this Tuesday, December 4 at 9 a.m. Hear Christ for you anytime, anywhere, in worship, study, and song at kfuo.org. Have a question or comment? Find KFUE at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find KFUE programming wherever you get your podcasts.