



# *Concordia Lutheran Church*

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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 Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

**Opening Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”** LSB 344

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution** LSB 151

**Introit** *Ps. 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

P: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

**C: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

P: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

**C: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.**

P: Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

**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: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**C: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

**Kyrie** LSB 152

**This is the Feast** LSB 155

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

## 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

*Philippians 1:2-11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## Common Alleluia

*LSB 156*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" <sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 158*

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: <i>“Prepare the Royal Highway”</i>	LSB 343
Sermon: <i>“John Preached Repentance and Forgiveness”</i> Luke 3:1-20	
Offering	
Offertory: <i>“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”</i>	LSB 955
Prayers of the Church: <i>(Congregational response: Hear our prayer)</i>	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:	
<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”</i>	LSB 623
<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”</i>	LSB 625
<i>“Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”</i>	LSB 746
<i>“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”</i>	LSB 643
Post-Communion Canticle: <i>“Thank the Lord”</i>	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: <i>“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”</i>	LSB 345
Announcements	
Postlude	

### Participants in this Morning’s Service

Worship Leader:	Rev. Steven Theiss
Greeters:	Rick and Patty Lorenz
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Abbie Grebing
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Andrew Bohnert, Mike Barich, Jason Klaus, Jerry Schroeter
Audio/Visual Team:	Darryl Peetz, Donna Hecht

### Guest Worship Leaders

Advent Services, Wednesdays, December 12 & 19, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss  
Saturday, December 15, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss  
Sundays, December 16 & 23, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day,  
Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2018—Rev. Steven Theiss

### Weekly Devotions (Advent 3)

#### Hymn of the Week

#### **LSB 349 “Hark the Glad Sound”**

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev’ry voice a song.

#### Bible Stories

12/10 – M: Jeremiah 23:3-6  
12/11 -- Tu: Micah 5:2-5a  
12/12 -- W: Luke 1:5-25  
12/13 -- Th: Luke 1:26-38  
12/14 -- F: Matthew 1:18-25

#### Bible Verse

*<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”*  
Psalm 50:15 (ESV)

#### Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer -- The Introduction and Meaning – “Our Father who art in heaven. *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.”

## This Week's Schedule

Today, Dec. 9	<i>After Worship</i>	<i>Scrip Sales</i>
Mon., Dec. 10	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball vs. SV, Cape (C &amp; A Teams) (Home at APS)</i>
	7 p.m.	Church Council
Tues., Dec. 11	9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Circuit Pastors' Conference at Zion, Longtown
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Crosstown at Frohna
Wed., Dec. 12	9 a.m.	Bible Study
	4 p.m.	Advent Worship at Immanuel, Altenburg
	7 p.m.	Advent Worship at Concordia
Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 13 & 14	2-9 p.m.	Christmas Country Church Tour
Sat., Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion at Concordia
Sun., Dec. 16	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship
	<i>After Worship</i>	Concordia Voters Budget Meeting
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Chili Lunch-UCLS Gym (Free-Will Donation) (Hosted by Concordia LYF) Final Day for Donations to Regional Crisis Center

## Announcements

**A Word of God to chew on this week:** <sup>15</sup>*Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.* Psalm 50:15 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 154, one year ago – 166; Adult Bible Class – 15, one year ago – 21; Advent Worship – 48, one year ago – 45 (4 p.m.), 39 (7 p.m.)

**Flowers at the altar** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings and in celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Harry and Jean Mueller.

**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. Today, December 9, is the last day to sign up. Thanks to all for helping to have the sanctuary decorated for the Christmas Season!

**Please pick up your copy of *The Lutheran Witness* today! – The December issue is available** on the north buffet.

**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 next Sunday, December 16.

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

**Food for the Christmas Country Church Tour** – Would you help us treat our visitors for the church tour this 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. **Also, we welcome anyone to greet the guests** who have traveled, some hundreds of miles, to visit our church. A sign-up sheet for greeting/hosting is located on the south buffet in our church narthex. 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 have been left in the multipurpose room. Please pick up yours soon.**

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

**If you would like to receive a copy of *The Lutheran Witness* in 2019**, please sign the sheet on the south buffet. The order will be placed based on the number of sign-ups on the sheet.

**Concordia's Church Council** will meet tomorrow, December 10, at 7 p.m.

**Advent Midweek Services** continue on Wednesdays, December 12 and 19, at 7 p.m. to further prepare for the Birthday of our Lord and Savior. (Advent Worship at 4 p.m. will be held at Immanuel, Altenburg.)

**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 this 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. 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 next Sunday, December 16, after worship.

**November Contributions:** 4<sup>th</sup> – \$6,610.00; 11<sup>th</sup> – \$8,497.00; 18<sup>th</sup> – \$7,337.00; 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thanksgiving) – \$6,776.00; 25<sup>th</sup> – \$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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 next 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).

**Care Portal – All donated items for the Care Portal request** for the family in Perryville need to be brought to church next Sunday, December 16. If you have any questions, please call or text Katie Miesner at 573-579-4755 or e-mail her at [katiemiesner@hotmail.com](mailto:katiemiesner@hotmail.com). Thanks so much to everyone who has donated money, gifts, and other items for this family. Care Portal is an ongoing program that we will

continue to participate in throughout the year. If someone can't help this time, we will continue to have opportunities to help those in need in our community.

**“Away in a Manger”**: Children ages 3 through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be practicing “Away in a Manger” immediately following worship on Sunday, December 23. Thank you, Mrs. Lichtenegger and Mrs. Hemman

**The Concordia Ladies Aid disbanded several years ago. Padded chairs and quilt stands and frames are available** if anyone can use them. Please call Helen Grebing at 824-5768 if you are interested or know someone who is.

**Thanks to our Concordia Confirmation Class students** who helped add Christmas decorations to the church office building. Look for the Christmas tree in the bay window, wreaths on the front door and windows, plus candles in the windows. Merry Christmas Season from Emma, Evan, Carson, and Kallee

**Christmas Decorations at Church** - Thank you to those who came to decorate the sanctuary and the outside! This is a special time to say Merry Christmas greetings to our friends in the Frohna community and anyone visiting our town and church! Blessings to the helping hands for a job well done!

**Levi Schmidt is looking for someone to play!** Tim and Stefanie Schmidt are looking for some PRN help with Levi. He has a feeding tube, trach, and ventilator, so experience/willingness to learn and be comfortable with the equipment is a must. The main hours needed are 4-6 p.m. one or two days a week and maybe one Saturday or Sunday a month. Please call or text Stefanie at 636-575-5547.

#### **Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes**

**A Chili Lunch**, hosted by Concordia LYF, will be next 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!

#### **United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes**

**United in Christ Lutheran School is seeking to fill the following positions:** PE Teacher for 6 hours per week, Classroom Aide for 24 hours per week, and Title I Teacher for up to 3 hours per week. All interested candidates should contact Miss Honoree at 824-5218 or send resumes to 10158 Highway C, Frohna, MO, 63748. These positions can be filled by separate individuals or by one individual. The start date for all three positions is January 7, 2019.

#### **Saxony Lutheran High School Notes**

**The Saxony Lutheran High School Christmas Concert** will be Monday, December 17, at 7 p.m. The band and choirs will be sharing a variety of Christmas Carols, new and old, along with the annual singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus”. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the music program.

**For news from Saxony Lutheran High School**, and information on upcoming events, please see the Saxony newsletter. Copies of the first page are available on the south buffet. A complete copy of the most recent issue can be viewed by visiting Saxony's website, saxonylutheranhigh.org, and selecting “Newsletter” located under the “News & Events” link at the top of the page. A complete copy is also posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

## Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

In honor of LFCS' 150 years of service to Missouri families, a donor is offering to double all year-end contributions to LFCS made by December 31, up to a total match of \$50,000. Donations may be made online at [lfcsmo.org](http://lfcsmo.org).

## Neighboring Church & Community Notes

**The December calendar** listing the menu and activities at the Perry County and EPC Senior Centers is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information about activities, special events, or to view the monthly calendar, please visit the website at [www.perrycountyseniorcenter.com](http://www.perrycountyseniorcenter.com) or the Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/PerryCountySeniorCenters](http://www.facebook.com/PerryCountySeniorCenters).

**A Musical Journey of Advent and Christmas** by The Diamond Star Ensemble will be today, 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 this 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!"** this 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-1<sup>st</sup> 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** next 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 next 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.

**The Trinity Choral Society of Altenburg will present its annual Christmas Concert, "Christmas is Coming"**, next Sunday, December 16, at 7 p.m. in the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Altenburg. A reception will follow the concert in the Lutheran Heritage Museum where over 40+ trees are decorated for the Christmas season. Come and join us as we celebrate "Christmas is Coming"!

**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](http://Thrivent.com) to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Visit the Disaster Response page on [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) for details on giving and to see a list of organizations included in the match.

## KFUO Notes

**This week on KFUO.org**, hear the midweek Advent Service broadcast live from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, this Wednesday, December 12, at 12 p.m. Continue studying the book of Revelation on *Thy Strong Word* weekdays at 11 a.m. Hear from Deaconess Heidi Goehmann about discouragement in ministry on *The Coffee Hour* this Tuesday, December 11, at 9 a.m.