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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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 24, 2019

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

Opening Hymn: “In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

LSB 151

Introit

Ps. 37:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 37:7a, b

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

C: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

P: For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

C: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

P: Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

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: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

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: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide

for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Gradual

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol him, all peoples!

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.³⁰Why am I in danger every hour?³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Common Alleluia

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.³²“If you love those who love

you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Nicene Creed	LSB 158
Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”	LSB 820
Sermon: “Just Like Your Father” Luke 6	
Offering	
Offertory: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”	LSB 955
Prayers of the Church: (Congregational response: Hear our prayer)	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:	
“The People That in Darkness Sat”	LSB 412
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”	LSB 457
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	LSB 411
Post-Communion Cantic: “Thank the Lord”	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”	LSB 609
Announcements	
Postlude	

Participants in this Morning’s Service

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| Worship Leader: | Rev. Steven Theiss |
| Greeters: | Tom and Sue Roth |
| Organist: | Sarah Benkendorf |
| Acolyte: | Dalton Head |
| Elder: | Dennis Hecht |
| Ushers: | Rodney Katt, Devin Ponder,
Brandon Thurm, Bob Birk |
| Audio/Visual Team: | Darryl Peetz, Jenny France |

Worship Leader

Next Sunday, March 3, 2019 – Rev. Steven Theiss

Weekly Devotions (Epiphany 8)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 414 “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

’Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Thy glory fills the night;

Thy face and garments, like the sun,

Shine with unborrowed light.

Bible Verse

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17 (ESV)

Bible Stories

02/25 -- M: Matthew 20:17-28

02/26 -- Tu: Matthew 21:1-17

02/27 -- W: Matthew 21:18-27

02/28 -- Th: Matthew 22:15-22

03/01 -- F: Matthew 22:34-46

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer – The Conclusion and Meaning – “For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. *What does this mean?* This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means ‘yes, yes, it shall be so.’”

This Week’s Schedule

Week of Feb. 25	TBA	<i>EPC Wildcats Girls Basketball—B-Team Tournament at IC, Jackson</i>
Mon., Feb. 25	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Volleyball vs. St. Vincent, Cape (C, B, A Teams) (Away)</i>
Tues., Feb. 26	6:30 p.m.	Quilt Tacking at Cindy Barich’s Home
Wed., Feb. 27	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs., Feb. 28	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Volleyball vs. St. Mary, Cape (C & B Teams Only) (Home at APS)</i>
Fri., March 1	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Volleyball vs. Immanuel, Perryville (C, B, A Teams) (Home at APS)</i>
Sat., March 2	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion at Trinity, Altenburg
Sun., March 3	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship
	After Worship	Door Offering for the Lutheran Witness
	After Worship	Refreshments and Fellowship
Sun.-Sat., March 3-9		National Lutheran Schools Week

Announcements

A Word of God to chew on this week: *¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.* James 1:17 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

Church Attendance: Worship – 185 (Sat.-80, Sun.-105), one year ago –209 (Sat.-96, Sun.-113); Adult Bible Class – 10, one year ago – 18

“People of the Passion” Lenten devotional booklets are available today on the north buffet.

Concordia Members: In an effort to update contact information for each Concordia member, please check your information on the list on the south buffet in the church narthex. Please verify your address and phone number(s). Please indicate any corrections to this information, and add a cell phone number and e-mail address that

you would like added to your contact information. If the information is correct, and no changes or additions need to be made, please place a check mark next to your name indicating that the information has been verified. Thank you for your help in updating the church records.

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

Concordia Members: Concordia has a Facebook page. Thank you to Shannon Martin who is working on updating and adding information to the page. Please visit and "Like" Concordia Lutheran Church on Facebook.

Quilt Tacking will take place this Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Cindy Barich's home. Please join us as we tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

A message from the Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary - We are pleased to announce that Concordia now offers online giving through the web as well as a mobile app! We have a link on our website under "Give" or you can download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play on your smartphone. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can also choose to donate as a guest, or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support. See today's bulletin insert for more information, or contact Jenny France with questions at 573-517-3273 or boydsjen@hotmail.com.

January Contributions: 6th – \$3,352.00, 13th – \$9,160.25, 20th – (Service Cancelled), 27th – \$6,647.00

A Door Offering for the Lutheran Witness will be taken next Sunday, March 3.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Concordia LYF will host a Take-and-Bake Casserole Sale today, February 24, after worship. Small casseroles will be available for \$15 each (2-4 servings) and large casseroles will be available for \$20 each (6-8 servings).

Concordia LYF is looking for another chaperone to attend the National Youth Gathering with them on July 10-17, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. If you are interested, please contact Gina Wunderlich at (573) 837-3484.

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.

Got too much stuff? The youth group is accepting donations for a future yard sale. Please contact Gina Wunderlich at 573-837-3484 if you have donations. Donations may be placed in the youth building. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of items if needed.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

The UCLS PTL Fish and Chicken Supper will be held on Sunday, March 10, with serving from 3-7 p.m. in the UCLS Gym. The menu will include fried chicken, fried

Jack Salmon, German potato salad, green beans, corn, slaw, and desserts. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal. Carry-outs will be available. Dessert donations are being requested. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Concordia's narthex.

“Music Through the Ages”, the 2019 APS/UCLS Dinner Auction will be Saturday, March 23, in the gym at United in Christ Lutheran School. Doors will open at 4 p.m., dinner will be at 6 p.m., and the oral auction will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each, and are available at UCLS, APS, and West End.

UCLS is seeking synodically-trained candidates to fill two full-time, classroom teacher positions. Successful candidates would be required to join one of our association congregations. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the following information to Miss Honoree or the UCLS school office: full name, phone number, and address.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

New Student Enrollment – Calling all 8th graders who are looking for a Christian education for the high school years! Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, March 4, 5, and 7, at 7 p.m. at Saxony. If you have questions, or want to schedule an appointment, please contact Saxony at 204-7555.

An All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry, supporting the softball and baseball teams, will be Monday, March 18, from 4-7:30 p.m. at Saxony. The cost of the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 and under.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

LFCS is in need of coats and jackets (newborn to 24 months), foot pajamas (up to 24 months), and formula (all varieties). Donations may be taken to the LFCS Office, 3178 Blattner Dr, Cape Girardeau. If you have any questions, please call LFCS at 334-5866.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Whole-Hog Sausage and Pancake Breakfast is being held today, February 24, with serving until 11:30 a.m. in the Altenburg Public School Gym, Altenburg. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal with proceeds going to the APS Student Activities Fund.

A Buffet-Style Breakfast is being held today, February 24, with serving until 12 p.m. at St. Maurus, Biehle. The menu will include pancakes, ham, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, German fried potatoes, biscuits, milk gravy, homemade coffeecake, and orange juice and coffee. The cost of the meal will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Carry-outs will be available.

The East Perry County Rural Fire Department Smorgasbord Breakfast will be next Sunday, March 3, from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. at the East Perry County Senior Center, Altenburg. The menu will include bacon, sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, and drinks. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal.

Tell the Next Generation: A Family Ministry Conference, primarily for Missouri church workers and volunteers engaged in children's and family ministry and early childhood ministry, will be held on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 3866 Old Hwy 94 S, St. Charles. A small number of sessions will be geared toward families “at large” in congregations. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kim Marxhausen, a Lutheran educator for more than 30 years. The Bible Study Leader will be Rev. Dr. W. Mart Thompson, a theology professor at Concordia Seminary. The cost is \$10 per person (lunch included). For more information, or to register, please visit <https://mo.lcms.org/event/2019-family-ministry-conference/>.

A “Branson-Style Fundraiser Show” will be held on Sunday, March 10, in the Immanuel Lutheran School Gym, Perryville. Doors will open at 1 p.m., and the show will be from 2-3:30 p.m. “The Backstreet Cruisers” will treat you to the music that was played on your AM car radio “back-in-the-day”. The cost is \$25 per ticket. To purchase a ticket(s), please mail a check payable to: Immanuel Lutheran School, C/O Joan Layton, 1701 Old St Mary’s Rd, Perryville, MO 63775. For more information, please call 547-4020. Seats are limited. Tickets will be mailed when the check is received. (No refunds, as this is a fundraiser for Immanuel Lutheran School. No admission without a ticket. No tickets sold at the door.) Concessions will be available.

The Kapelle Spring Tour Concert (Concordia University, Chicago) will be Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School, 55 N Pacific St, Cape Girardeau. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering in support of the music department will be received.

A Beginning Origami Class for adults will be held Wednesday, March 13, from 1-3 p.m. at the Riverside Regional Library in Altenburg. Learn the art of paper folding at this class. For more information, or to register by Saturday, March 9, please call 824-5267 or e-mail eschlichting@rrlmo.org.

“The Saga of the Golden Horseshoe” is coming on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, and March 22 and 23, at 7 p.m. to Salem Lutheran School Gym, Farrar. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Come see the play in March, and join in the laughter!

The 32nd Annual Whole-Hog Pork Sausage Dinner will be Sunday, March 17, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the St. Paul Lutheran School Cafeteria, 223 W Adams St, Jackson. The cost of the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Carry-outs will be available for \$10 each. Proceeds from the dinner, hosted by the St. Paul Men’s Club, will benefit the men’s club which supports St. Paul Lutheran Church and School programs.

Information about upcoming trips with Trinity Travel (Cape Girardeau) is posted on Concordia’s bulletin board. Or, for more information, please contact Joan Layton (547-4020), Judy Peetz (335-6853), or Betty Voss (334-2797).

KFUO Notes

This week on KFuo.org, we begin an exciting new series digging into the book of Genesis this Thursday, February 28, at 8 a.m. on *Sharper Iron*. Continue in the study of Ezekiel on *Thy Strong Word* weekdays at 11 a.m. Worship together during Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10 a.m. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Church Vocations Scholarship Available

Concordia University, Irvine, California, is offering qualified LCMS church work students institutional aid and an on-campus housing grant. To learn more about the church vocations scholarship, go to www.cui.edu/churchworkscholarship. To start the application process, visit www.cui.edu/app.

Scholarship Available

A scholarship is available to a Lutheran male freshman who will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Fall of 2019. An application can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/c8b8X0HY3Pd7qD3t1>. Applications are due by this Saturday, March 2. Information about additional scholarship and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community may be found at <https://wp.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/>.