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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

*A nursery is available in our multipurpose room
on the side of the narthex.*

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

Friday & Sunday
February 26 & 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

Friday & Sunday, February 26 & 28, 2021

Hymn: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

LSB 906

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

People: for they have been of old.

Pastor: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord,

People: For He is our help and our shield.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing to God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature.

It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ Jesus our Lord. We come here today to again lay claim to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: We now confess our sins.

ALL: I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Hymn: "Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"

LSB 611

Kyrie

LSB 152-153

Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...We stand before You, Gracious Lord, the weak and broken children of Your promise. Come with Your grace to rescue us from ourselves, to protect us from all our enemies, and to guard us against all evil and despair. Help us boldly to confess Jesus Christ and not to waver from this confession. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(Abraham and Sarah receive the pledge of God that they shall have the son He has promised them.)

Pastor: ¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” ³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you... ⁵God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 22:23-31

(The psalmist joyfully proclaims the name of the Lord amongst the whole congregation.)

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel.

Baptismal font side: For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him.

Lectern side: From you comes My praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

Pastor: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Font side: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all families of the nations shall worship before You.

Lectern side: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.

Pastor: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Font side: Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

Lectern side: they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

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.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

(Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.)

Pastor: ¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

(Peter boldly confesses Jesus as Lord and then is caught up in his fears as Jesus describes what it means for Him to be Lord and suffer the cross for us.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must

suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Hymn: “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

LSB 688

Sermon: “Are You Living the Dream?” Mark 8:34-35

Hymn: “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

LSB 708

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: ...let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

+ Sacrament +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor: With the very same body and blood once sacrificed upon the tree and now given us to eat and drink in this Holy Sacrament, we pray You to deliver us from sin and death, that, with Abraham, Isaac, and all Your saints, we may live by faith in Your promises.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution/Hymns

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430

"Christ the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420

Post-Communion Hymn: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422

Post-Communion Thanks

Benediction

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

Announcements

Postlude

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our worship today includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This holy meal is received in glad confidence, because our Lord tells us that He gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; those who trust His words regarding the Lord's Supper; repent of all sins; and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who do so receive the benefits of this holy supper and proclaim His death and resurrection until He comes again.

However, because the Bible (I Corinthians 11:23-29) also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an incorrect manner do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is professed at this altar (I Corinthians 10:17), we practice "close communion" at Concordia. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord's Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are respectfully requested not to receive the Sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing and are requested to cross your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have any questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?
2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent and treasures?

5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord's Supper in this church, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Sunday's Service

Greeters:	Andy and Angie Head
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Reagan Ponder
Elder:	Rick Lorenz
Ushers:	Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk, Jason Hecht

This Week's Schedule

Mon.-Sun., March 1-7, 2021		<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i>
Mon., March 1, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Tues., March 2, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Quilt tacking at Cindy Barich's home
Wed., March 3, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Revelation)
	7 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Fri., March 5, 2021	11 a.m.	Worship
Sun., March 7, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 137, one year ago – 122; Adult Bible Class – 18, one year ago – 24; Ash Wednesday – 28, one year ago – 72

As We Gather: Every day, thousands of people face the question, "Who am I?" In search of clues from their ancestry, they seek to know who they are by finding out their forefathers and mothers. But knowing our past is not the same as knowing who we are. Today, Jesus invites us to find out who we are through our knowledge of who He is. In the confession of Jesus Christ, we discover who we are—the children of promise by faith whom God delights to call His own. Today, we pray for the Holy Spirit to help us make the good confession of Jesus Christ and through Him to discover not only our past but our future.

The Concordia Sunday morning Bible class is doing in-a study of Genesis 1-11 (and if the Spirit moves us, we may do the whole book). These opening chapters of the Bible are foundational to our Christian faith. They tell us who God is and who we are in relation to God. They tell us how he created the universe and everything in it. These chapters tell us of our sin problem, God's judgment of humanity's sin, and how God promised to do something about sin and death. And in these chapters, God establishes the all-important institutions of marriage and family, which still shape society today. A highlight will be a closer look at Noah's Flood through a video series from Lutheran Hour Ministries called "Noah: The Man, the Ark, the Flood." Please join us at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

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

Stewardship thought for the week: Mark 8:32 says, “**And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.**” Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So, let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Quilt tacking continues this Tuesday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Cindy Barich's home. Please join us as we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Our mid-week Lenten series, titled “Jesus, Peter and Me,” continues this week. “It’s All about Misunderstanding,” based on John 18:1-11, is the theme for the message. Worship begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Thrivent Choice Dollars! We are now in the most critical time of the year to direct CHOICE dollars because you can still capture everything received for the year 2020 that was not previously directed. Thrivent members need to direct their CHOICE dollars prior to March 31, 2021, in order to capture any remaining 2020 CHOICE dollars. This is free money! Please don't let it go to waste. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent representative, Carol Duggan, at 573-824-6060.

Offering options—Each week, there is an offering plate at the door of the sanctuary in which you can leave your envelope as you come and go for worship. Concordia also offers online giving through our website (click on the “Give” tab) or there is a mobile app you may download (“GivePlus Church”). You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account which can be used for recurring offerings. Contact the Concordia treasurer, Derek Miesner, or the financial secretary, Jenny France, if you have questions or need more information.

Did you know...if you are 70½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060.

Plans are being made for Concordia’s Summer Program. You can help by donating one or more of the following items: box of tissues; tape – masking, clear, and duct; cheap, plastic tablecloths (you can get them at Wal-Mart in the party section-three in a bag-inexpensive); embroidery thread; colored tissue paper; acrylic paint; little matchbox cars; any old toys you have laying around your house; bouncy balls; hula hoops; Frisbees; empty Pringles cans; yarn; bags of balloons; dice; markers; shaving cream; bed sheets (queen size); empty boxes (NOT broken down – at least three feet wide preferred); snacks (we do have some kids with food allergies, so please contact Whitney Hemman before donating); gift cards to either Wal-Mart or Dollar General; and your time/driving abilities. If you want to use a Thrivent Action Team Grant for Concordia's Summer Program, it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be dropped off at Whitney Hemman’s house at 5711 Main St., Frohna, MO 63748. If you have questions, feel free to email Whitney at whitnichemm20061114@gmail.com or call her at 573-768-4344.

Concordia Voters decided to explore ways to have the annual church supper again this year. The committee is Mike and Tori Schuessler, Kevin and Brenda Steffens, Jason and Lacey Steffens, Clifford and Kathy Stueve, Donnie and Sarah Stueve, and Nick and Tiara Stueve.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser. 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 in sending our young people to the next LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2022 in Houston, Texas.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

You are invited to visit the early childhood classrooms at United in Christ Lutheran School. Pick any of the following dates: this Friday, March 5 (National Lutheran Schools Week); Monday, March 22; Wednesday, March 31; or Friday, April 9; from 8-11 a.m. No registration is needed. Or, you may call the school office at 573-824-5218 to set up a day of your choosing. (All adults need to wear masks, please.) Bring your child and enjoy!

The UCLS PTL Fish and Chicken Supper will be Sunday, March 14, with serving from 4-7 p.m. at the East Perry Fairgrounds (carry-outs only). The menu will include fried chicken, fried Jack Salmon, green beans, German potato salad, slaw, and dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per plate.

Mark Your Calendars – The Plant Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 23, from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, from 8 am.-12 p.m. (rain or shine) in the yard outside the Concordia church offices. Proceeds will benefit the 7th and 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

New student enrollment at Saxony Lutheran High School – Calling all 8th-11th graders who are looking for a Christian education for the high school years! Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year will take place tomorrow, March 1, this Tuesday, March 2, and this Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m., and this Saturday, March 6, at 9 a.m. at Saxony. If you have questions, or want to schedule an appointment instead, please contact Saxony at 573-204-7555.

Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes

Job Opening—The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg is seeking a part-time director. The position would include responsibilities such as supervising docent staff, developing fundraising strategies, and overseeing exhibit design. If interested, or for more information, please send your contact information to contact@lutheranmuseum.com. Responses should be received by tomorrow, March 1.



Missouri District News

You are cordially invited to join the Missouri District's very first statewide servant event. SHINE! will take place April 16-25, 2021. Simply form a group, find a need, and serve during this timeframe. Be sure and register with the District by Monday, March 15, to receive the official event t-shirt for participants. All the details are at <https://mo.lcms.org/shine>.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Annual Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner is today, February 28, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altenburg. Dine-in or drive-up service will be available. (Parking for drive-up service will be marked and located at the east parking lot, next to the outside steps, by the parish hall.) Safety precautions will be taken for those serving food, and tables will be distanced.

Virtual GriefShare sessions for bereaved parents will be held on Thursdays, beginning this Thursday, March 4-Thursday, May 20, from 6-8 p.m. (via Zoom). All bereaved parents are welcome regardless of their child's age at death, infant to adult child. Others who have lost a close loved one are also welcomed to join. Sessions are open to the community. Together we will walk the journey of grief with the love and presence of Jesus Christ. To get signed up, call Molly at 573-275-3744. (A Zoom series currently meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for anyone who has lost a close loved one. Each session stands on its own. Joining at any point is welcomed.)

The East Perry County Rural Fire Department Smorgasbord Breakfast will be next Sunday, March 7, from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. at the East Perry Senior Center in 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.

The Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner will be next Sunday, March 7, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Eisleben Lutheran Church, 432 Lutheran Lane, Scott City. The meal will include all-you-can-eat chili or chicken noodle soup with homemade pie or cake and a drink (dine-in with one family per table). The cost of the meal will be \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6-10). Carry-outs of chili and chicken noodle soup will be available for \$8 per quart.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 10, from 2-6 p.m. in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 804 N Cape Rock, Cape Girardeau. To schedule an appointment, download the American Red Cross app, visit redcrossblood.org, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767, or call St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 573-334-3200.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, hear sacred music for *Lent on Joy!* with Ron Klemm this Wednesday, March 3, at 1 p.m. Worship with us in midweek Lenten service and organ recital this Wednesday, March 3, at 11 a.m. Study Mark 10-11 on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study Ephesians 4-6 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

“Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Lent 3)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 423 “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

Bible Stories

03/01 -- M: John 9:1-12
03/02 -- Tu: John 9:13-23
03/03 -- W: John 9:24-34, 35-41
03/04 -- Th: John 10:1-6, 7-10
03/05 -- F: John 10:11-18

Bible Verse

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one.”

Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)

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.’”