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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

***The mission of Concordia Lutheran Church is to gather, teach and inspire
all generations to share the Good News!***

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in the multipurpose room, to your left as you exit the sanctuary.

Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Call to Worship (from *John 10:10; Colossians 2:9-10*)

Pastor: We cherish Christ-centered fullness.

People: The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy.

Pastor: But Jesus says, “I have come so that you may have life,”

People: “and have it abundantly.”

Pastor: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

People: and we have been given fullness in Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray... Lord God, Heavenly Father, we frequently tell ourselves that we don't have enough—enough time, enough love, enough wisdom. In this time of worship, come to us, in the power of your Holy Spirit, and impart to us the fullness we have in Christ. Assure us that in Jesus Christ, we have enough; indeed, more than enough, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Song: “*Christ Is the Center*”

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: In today's epistle, Paul writes, “For in Christ, all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and we have been given fullness in Christ.”
(*Colossians 2:9-10*)

People: And yet, Lord, we live as though we have nothing.

Pastor: We complain about our lack,

People: believing Satan's lie that we never have enough.

Pastor: The thief has come,

People: to steal, kill and destroy

Pastor: the gifts given to us in the Gospel.

People: And so, we feel empty, alone and ashamed, yearning for fullness in Christ.

(Moments of silence for self-examination and confession of sin)

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, believe and receive the Gospel! Paul announces that though you were dead in your sin, God made you alive with Christ in holy Baptism. He forgave you all your sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations. He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. These promises are yours in Christ Jesus, now and forever!

People: We have all that we need; we have fullness in Christ! Amen.

Song: “*Rescuer*”

Prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you have come so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Fill us with baptismal gifts so that we will know, once again, that we have absolute fullness in you; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:1-9 (*Abundant peace and security*)

Pastor: ¹ While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him a second time: ² “This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: ³ ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’ ⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the houses in this city and the royal palaces of Judah that have been torn down to be used against the siege ramps and the sword ⁵ in the fight with the Babylonians: ‘They will be filled with the dead bodies of the people I will slay in my anger and wrath. I will hide my face from this city because of all its wickedness. ⁶ Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. ⁷ I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. ⁹ Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.’” This is God’s Word.

People: Praise the Lord!

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15 (*Spiritual fullness in Christ*)

Pastor: ⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self, ruled by the flesh, was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. This is God’s Word.

People: Praise the Lord!

Gospel: John 10:1-10 (*The abundant life in Christ*)

Pastor: ¹ “Very truly I tell you, Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper

opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." This is God's Good News for you.

People: Praise the Lord!

The Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Sermon: "We Cherish...Christ-centered Fullness" Colossians 2:6-15

Song: "Graves into Gardens"

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

(Please sign the attendance sheet in the red booklet as it comes to you.)

Prayers of the Church (from LSB #594)

Pastor: God's own child, I gladly say it,

People: I am baptized into Christ.

Pastor: He, because I could not pay it,

People: gave my full redemption price.

Pastor: Do I need earth's treasures many?

People: I have one worth more than any,

Pastor: that brought me salvation free,

People: Lasting to eternity!

Pastor: *(additional petitions here)*...Satan, hear this proclamation,

People: I am baptized into Christ!

Pastor: Drop your ugly accusation,

People: I am not so soon enticed.

Pastor: Now that to the font I've traveled,

People: all your might has come unraveled.

Pastor: And against your tyranny,

People: God, my Lord, unites with me!

Pastor: In Jesus' name, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

+Sacrament+

Pastor: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is within us.

Pastor: May he strengthen our hearts,

People: so that we will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father. (I Thessalonians 3:13)

Pastor: We give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name. (*I Chronicles 16:8*)

People: I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness. (*Psalm 7:17*)

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini (*Peace of the Lord*)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Distribution/Song: “O Come to the Altar”

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Song: “You are My All in All”

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, with David I say, “My cup overflows.” (*Psalm 23:5*)
Baptized into Christ, I have more than enough! Amen.

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, 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 by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have 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 congregation, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Today’s Service

- Greeters: LYF
- Acolyte: Aiden Best
- Organist: Barb Burroughs
- Elder: Tony Scholl
- Ushers: LYF
- Audio/Visual Team: Troy Petzoldt, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, Feb. 2, 2025	After worship	Refreshments and fellowship
Mon., Feb. 3, 2025	After worship	LYF bowling
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann's day off
		<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. Nell Holcomb (C & A) (Home at UCLS)</i>
Tues., Feb. 4, 2025	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Quilt tying at Cindy Barich's home
	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Wed., Feb. 5, 2025	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
	6 p.m.	A.C.T.S. meets at Thrivent office
Thurs., Feb. 6, 2025	Noon	Bulletin items due
	5:30 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. SV, Cape (C & B) (Home at UCLS)</i>
Sun., Feb. 9, 2025	8 a.m.	Bible Study (Colossians)
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After worship	"Concordia Sings"

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-157 (129 in person, 28 online), one year ago 146 (131 in person, 15 online); Bible Class-26 (12 in person, 14 online)

As We Gather: The false teachers in Colossae had a simple message: "You don't have enough." Paul countered: "You have been given fullness in Christ." (*Colossians 2:10*) Today, we celebrate that in Jesus Christ, we have more than enough! Welcome to worship at Concordia.

Stewardship Standard: Luke 4:34 says, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." The demon that Jesus drove out on this particular occasion knew who Jesus is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God did not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life. Trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn't necessarily lead anywhere—but a living faith in Christ leads to a life built on him and following him.

Order in the order—The **DISTRIBUTION** of Holy Communion is all God's initiative. God invites us to his table. God makes Jesus present there for us. Christ forgives us! He promises to go with us. We are purely the receivers at this meal. But in receiving God's gifts, we are renewed and empowered to carry God's name and presence wherever we go this week.

Today, the Epiphany sermon series "Christ at the Center," based on Paul's letter to the Colossians, continues. This letter presents Jesus as both the Creator and Reconciler of the universe. Paul makes these lofty claims because the congregation in Colossae was under attack. Heretics promoted a version of Christianity where Christ was not supreme. They didn't deny Christ. They dethroned him. They didn't doubt Christ's prominence. They denied him pre-eminence. These false teachers didn't replace Christ, but they refused to place him at the center...of everything! We also live in a society which subtracts from Jesus and adds to the Gospel. The lineup of sermons is as follows:

January 12: We have a ... Christ-Centered **Gospel** (1:1–14)

January 19: We live in a ... Christ-Centered **Universe** (1:15–23)

January 26: We have ... Christ-Centered **Motivation** (1:24–2:5)

February 2: We cherish ... Christ-Centered Fullness (2:6–15)

February 9: We have a ... Christ-Centered **Mind** (3:1–11)

February 16: We wear ... Christ-Centered **Clothes** (3:12–17)

February 23: We have a ... Christ-Centered **Mission** (4:2–6)

March 2: We work for ... Christ-Centered **Reconciliation** (4:7–18)

Please join us for the Sunday morning Bible class (8 a.m.) which is studying Colossians during the Epiphany season.

Prayers for the following, please: our shut-in members Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Tillie Luckey, Mahela Lueders, Jean Mueller, Flora Oberndorfer; healing for Mike Barich after eye surgery; for God’s blessings on the ministry of Missionary John Wolf and his family as they share the Gospel in Africa; for Seminarian Blake Brockman and his family at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; for the renovation work going on at the Hall; for our Family Discipleship team; for the victims of southern California wild fires.

If you watch Concordia worship services online some Sundays, please send Pastor Hoemann an e-mail (pastorclfrohna@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office (573-824-5435) to let him know how many were in the room watching with you. We are trying to get a more accurate count of people who are watching electronically. Thanks!

Please join The LWML as they collect items for the Family Crisis Center in Perryville. Items needed are personal hygiene items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash/lotion, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, hair spray, towels, pillows, socks, and underwear (all sizes); baby items: baby wash, lotion, and baby clothes (boys’ and girls’ NB to 24 months); and cleaning products: Clorox wipes and bathroom cleaner. Please place your items in the box in the multipurpose room by Monday, February 24.

Calling anyone that can tie a knot: Quilt tying is 2:30-4:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, at Cindy Barich’s home. Call Denise Morrison, 573-824-5605, for more information.

Concordia is selling its Cub Cadet lawnmower, purchased in April 2023. The mower has a 54-inch deck, steering wheel, and 123 hours; asking \$6,000. If you are interested, please contact David Braeuner at 573-513-0323.

DECEMBER - Per Service			DECEMBER 2024 Breakdown			
			Received by	Fund	Designation	Amt
Sunday	12/1/2024	\$ 3,573.00	Offering Plate	General	Envelopes	\$ 36,602.00
Advent	12/4/2024	\$ 205.00	Offering Plate	General	Loose Change	\$ 3,340.58
Sunday	12/8/2024	\$ 4,611.00	Offering Plate	Endowment	Saxony	\$ 100.00
Advent	12/11/2024	\$ 128.00	Treasurer	General		\$ 8,824.51
Sunday	12/15/2024	\$ 2,305.00	Treasurer	Tuition Assistance		\$ 6,100.00
Advent	12/18/2024	\$ 260.00	Treasurer	Endowment	Capitol Imprv	\$ 2,000.00
Sunday	12/22/2024	\$ 16,558.35	Online	General		\$ 7,032.20
Christmas Eve	12/24/2024	\$ 5,153.00	Online	Endowment	Capitol Imprv	\$ 50.00
Christmas Day	12/25/2024	\$ 4,770.23	Online	Endowment	Saxony	\$ 50.00
Sunday	12/29/2024	\$ 2,479.00	Online	Tuition Assistance		\$ 100.00
Online		\$ 7,232.20				\$ 64,199.29
Total		\$ 47,274.78			Average per Week	\$ 14,266.51

To meet our 2024 budget we need around \$9,584.00 per week

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

You are invited to the **APS/UCLS Chocolate Factory Dinner Auction** Saturday, February 15, 2025, in the UCLS gym. Doors open at 4 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Gas-A-Mat, APS, and UCLS—\$50 each or \$450 for a table of 10 (must be paid for when reserved).

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Tickets are on sale for a chance to win a 2025 Chevy Trax. Purchase your tickets from your favorite Crusader or call the school office. Drawing to be held in the spring.

Tickets are on sale for Saxony’s Blue and Gold Gala, Saturday, February 22, at the Bavarian Halle in Fruitland. Tickets are \$50 each (includes meal and silent and oral auctions). Tables of eight are available. Call the school office, 573-204-7555, for more information and to purchase tickets.

Saxony Lutheran High School is currently reviewing nominations for the Saxony Lutheran Hall of Fame. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please send a letter to Sam Sides via email at ssides@saxonylutheranhigh.org, or mail to Saxony Lutheran High School, Attn: Sam Sides, 2004 Saxony Dr., Jackson, MO 63755. The Saxony Hall of Fame is not an athletics-only hall of fame. Any student may be nominated for this distinction. (Tickets for Saxony’s Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will go on sale in April.)

Neighboring Church and Community Notes

“Death of a Blackheart” murder mystery dinner, presented by Jest Murder Mysteries and hosted by Salem/Zion LYF, will be Saturday, February 8, in the Salem Lutheran School gym,

Farrar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show and dinner begin at 7 p.m. Includes a 50/50 drawing and raffle and door prizes. Advance tickets are \$35; tickets at the door are \$40; and a table of six is \$180. Each ticket includes a pork loin dinner, drinks, and mystery show. Tickets are available at venmo@salemlutheranlyf, Salem Lutheran Church, Hemman Winery, and Gas-A-Mat; or scan the QR code on the flyer posted on Concordia's bulletin board. Proceeds will go toward the group's trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

A benefit breakfast will be 7-11 a.m., Sunday, February 9, at Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, fried potatoes, juice, milk, and coffee. A free-will donation will be collected with proceeds going to Jordan and Becky (Barber) Yamnitz to assist with medical expenses.

The annual chili and chicken-noodle soup dinner (dine-in or carry-out) will be 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, February 9, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altenburg. Homemade pies and desserts will also be served.

The East Perry Lions Club pancake breakfast will be 7 a.m.-noon, Sunday, February 16, at the East Perry Fair Exhibit Hall, Altenburg, for a free-will donation. A box for used eyeglasses will receive your donation. Sausage and gritzwurst available for purchase.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: We continue in the book of Isaiah on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays) and Job on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays). Tune in to the *Coffee Hour* (9 a.m. weekdays) to hear this month's episode of "Searching Scripture," and join us as we revisit National Lutheran Schools Week with some special segments. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.'" (Psalm 139:14) *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Week: 22	<u>Hymn of the Week</u>
Sunday: 5th Sunday after Epiphany	LSB 618 "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bible Stories</u></p> <p>02/03 -- M: Matthew 8:23-27 02/04 -- Tu: Matthew 8:28-34 02/05 -- W: Matthew 9:1-8 02/06-- Th: Matthew 9:9-13 02/07 -- F: Matthew 9:14-34</p>	<p>I come, O Savior, to Thy table For weak and weary is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bible Verse</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.</i> 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (ESV)</p>
<u>Catechism</u>	
<p>The Lord's Prayer—The 5th Petition: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p> <p><i>What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So, we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us."</i></p>	