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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, January 12, 2025

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Invocation & Call to Worship (*from Colossians 1:1-14*)

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We have a Christ-centered Gospel.

**People: And so, we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Because our faith and love spring from the hope that is stored up for us in heaven,

**People: for we have heard the word of truth, the Gospel.**

Pastor: All over the world this Gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among us

**People: since the day we heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.**

Pastor: The Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

**People: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Let us pray...LORD God, by your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds so that in our worship we grow in the knowledge of your Gospel, be strengthened in its power, be changed by its claims, and be riveted by its truth.

**People: Amen.**

## Hymn: "*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*"

**LSB 394**

## Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world.

**People: We have loved your gifts more than your Gospel.**

Pastor: In your mercy, help us see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are the substance,

**People: that they are quicksand, but you are the mighty fortress;**

Pastor: that they are shifting, but you are the anchor.

**People: We plead for your forgiveness because of the Gospel.**

Pastor: Accept Jesus Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our filthy rages, his death for our life.

**ALL: We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the precious and powerful Gospel to you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: The Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Hymn: "*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*"

**LSB 409**

## Prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the power and peace of the Gospel, for it alone creates real and lasting change in our lives. Help us to embrace the Gospel, believe it, and live it; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10 (*Good news!*)

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup>Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. This is God’s Word to you.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

## Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14 (*Grace and peace to you.*)

Pastor: <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> to God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: grace and peace to you from God our Father. <sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—<sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the Gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the Gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. This is God’s Word to you.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

## **Gospel: Luke 9:1-6 (*Proclaiming the Good News*)**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup> When Jesus had called the 12 together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. <sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>5</sup> If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup> So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. This is God’s Good News for you!

**People: Praise the Lord!**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn: “A Great and Mighty Wonder”**

**LSB 383**

**Sermon: “We Have a...Christ-Centered Gospel” Colossians 1:1-14**

**Offering/Rite of Fellowship/Song: “O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”**

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

**Installation of New Officers**

**The Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we believe, teach and confess that

**People: the Gospel changes us. We need nothing else.**

Pastor: For the Gospel announces, “Christ for us.”

**People: Christ is for us when we are baptized.**

Pastor: Christ is for us when we study the Scriptures.

**People: Christ is for us in the Holy Supper.**

Pastor: The Gospel changes us. We need nothing else.

**People: For the Gospel also announces, “Christ in us.”**

Pastor: Christ is in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Christ is in us, the hope of glory.**

Pastor: Christ is in us, living his life through us...*(additional prayers)*

Heavenly Father, we still hear the lies and half-truths of Satan and this world, but the Gospel teaches us not to listen to these voices. And in this Gospel, we need nothing else to satisfy, forgive, cleanse, and heal us, now and forever. We thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**+ Sacrament +**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *(II Timothy 4:22)*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *(Colossians 3:1)*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**Sanctus**

**LSB 161**

**The Words of Institution**

**Peace of the Lord**

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

**People: And also with you. Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

**LSB 163**

**The Distribution**

**Thank the Lord**

**LSB 164**

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: For the light of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ, breaking into the world,

**People: praise to you, LORD, who sends the light of the Gospel!**

Pastor: For the enlightenment of our hearts by faith,

**People: praise to you, LORD, who sends the light of the Gospel!**

Pastor: For the bright gift of eternal life with Christ,

**People: Praise to you, LORD, who sends the light of the Gospel! Amen.**

**Blessing (from Colossians 3:16-17)**

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

**People: And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**Hymn: “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

**LSB 397**

**SILENT PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, thank you for the Christ-centered Gospel. Nothing else changes us, now and forever! Amen.

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**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?

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**Participants in Today's Service**

Greeters: Mike and Cindy Barich  
 Acolyte: Nolan Head  
 Organist: Barb Burroughs  
 Elder: Tony Vogel  
 Ushers: Kevin Martyn, Carson Martyn, Dwayne Roth, Jason Hecht  
 Audio/Visual Team: Jesse Grebing, Diane Petzoldt

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**This Week's Schedule**

Today, Jan. 12, 2025	After worship Refreshments and fellowship After worship Stewardship Committee After worship "Concordia Sings" After worship Taking Christmas decorations down  2 p.m. Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center
Mon., Jan. 13, 2025	Pastor Hoemann's day off 5:30 p.m. <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball at Nell Holcomb (C &amp; A)</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>EPC Wildcats Basketball at Immanuel (C &amp; A)</i>
Tues., Jan. 14, 2025	9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference 4:30 p.m. Pickleball
Wed., Jan. 15, 2025	9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
Thurs., Jan. 16, 2025	Noon Bulletin items due 7 p.m. <i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Fri., Jan. 17, 2025	5:30 p.m. <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball at SV, Perryville (C &amp; B)</i>
Sat., Jan. 18, 2025	5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sun., Jan. 19, 2025	8 a.m. Bible Study (Colossians) 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion After worship Board of Elders After worship-1 p.m. LYF soup dinner fundraiser

**Announcements**

**Attendance:** Worship-136 (112 in person, 24 online), one year ago (New Year's Eve-Sunday morning)-132; Bible Class-28 (6 in person, 22 online)

**As We Gather:** For this Epiphany season, we are going to walk through Paul's letter to the Colossians. Today, we begin with the Christ-centered Gospel—it alone creates the real, lasting change that we all need. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

**Stewardship Standard:** Matthew 2:11 says, "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. In

response, we worship him and desire to grow into his image. We receive his gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of his image, we imitate his generosity in our daily life.

**Order in the order**— The **SANCTUS**, which means “holy,” is based on the prophet Isaiah’s vision (Isaiah 6). It connects to the joyful greetings shouted when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. We greet the coming of the Lord with the awe of Isaiah and with the joy of the crowds on Palm Sunday, as we anticipate Jesus’ real presence in the bread and wine of the sacrament.

**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 inside the Hall.

**Today**, Pastor Hoemann begins an Epiphany sermon series called “Christ at the Center,” based on Paul’s letter to the Colossians. 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)

**In conjunction with the sermon series, the Sunday morning Bible class** will also be studying Colossians during the Epiphany season.

**Today, we install** Derek Miesner, treasurer; Amy Birk, financial secretary; Kenton Roth, elder; Kevin Martyn, trustee; and Robert Martin, UCLS board of education, as our newly elected officers at Concordia. Please pray for them as they undertake their responsibilities.

**Today, we begin our monthly door offering** which benefits “Tomorrow’s Teachers and Preachers,” a concerted effort by the Missouri District-LCMS to recruit and retain more pastors and teachers. Given the extreme shortage of both in our Synod, please give prayerfully and generously. The reception box will be in the narthex for the month of January.

**Annual Report** – Please submit any reports and information for the 2024 Annual Report to the church office as soon as possible. Information can be emailed to: concordiafrohna@att.net.

**Our Lutheran Youth Fellowship** (LYF) will hold a chicken soup fundraiser 10:30-1 p.m., Sunday, January 19, in the UCLS gymnasium. Menu includes unlimited bowls of soup; sandwich, drink, and dessert. A free-will offering will be received; all proceeds will help send our youth to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering.

**Concordia Elders** will meet after worship, Sunday, January 19. **Concordia Church Council** will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 21. **Concordia Voters** will meet after worship, Sunday, January 26.

### **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).

**Neighboring Church and Community Notes**

**The Perry County Lutheran Chorale “After Christmas” Christmas concert** (chorale with full orchestra) will be at 4 p.m. today (rescheduled from January 5) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Altenburg. The chorale will present familiar favorites like “*I Wonder as I Wander*,” “*Gesu Bambino*,” and “*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*,” as well as works of Bach and Haydn. The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum will serve refreshments following the concert, where you can see the Christmas tree displays. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected in support of the Chorale.

**Good Shepherd in Cape Girardeau is seeking a dedicated part-time church secretary** to join our team! This important role involves preparing worship services, managing communications, maintaining records, and supporting our staff and congregational leaders. If you have a heart for connecting people to Jesus Christ, and an interest in this position, please contact Rev. Weston Wildauer at 573-335-3974 or [wwildauer@gsccape.org](mailto:wwildauer@gsccape.org).

**KFUO Notes**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org):** We continue our study of Isaiah on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays) with chapters 19-24. On *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays), we wrap up John's first letter and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into *Concord Matters* at 10 a.m. this Saturday to learn about confessional subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

**Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life**

“**From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb** (*Psalm 139:13*), God’s began his careful construction of his chosen jewel of redemption.” Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

<b>Week: 19</b>	<b>Hymn of the Week</b>
<b>Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>LSB 394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”</b> Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise, Manifested by the star To the sages from afar, Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem: Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
<b><u>Bible Stories</u></b> 01/13 -- M: Luke 2:41-52 01/14 -- Tu: Matthew 3:1-12 01/15 -- W: Matthew 3:13-17 01/16 -- Th: Matthew 4:1-11 01/17 -- F: Matthew 4:12-25	<b><u>Bible Verse</u></b> <i>20For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”</i> Matthew 18:20 (ESV)

**Catechism**

The Lord’s Prayer—The 2nd Petition: Thy kingdom come.

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God’s kingdom come?* God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.