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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 26, 2025

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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The Call to Worship *(from Philippians 3:12-14 and Colossians 1:24)*

Pastor: We have a Christ-centered motivation.

People: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect,

Pastor: but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

People: One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

Pastor: I press on toward the goal to win the prize

People: for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: To us, God has chosen to make known the glorious riches of this mystery,

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

Pastor: Let us pray...Father in heaven, frequently we feel discouraged and lack motivation. Come to us now in this time of worship. Awaken our hearts, fill our lives, and empower us through the promise that Jesus Christ is in us, and he is our hope of glory.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: *“Arise and Shine in Splendor”*

LSB 396

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: O Lord, our great and merciful Father,

People: you are filled with grace, mercy, and steadfast love.

Pastor: Hear us, now, as we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness.

People: We frequently lack motivation

Pastor: to love,

People: to forgive,

Pastor: and to endure in faith.

People: We frequently lack motivation

Pastor: to worship,

People: to pray,

Pastor: and to believe.

People: LORD God, hear us as we confess our brokenness and place our sins under our Savior’s cross.

(A time of silence for self-examination and confession)

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ to you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Hymn: *“Praise to You and Adoration”*

LSB 692

Prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, just as you motivated the apostle Paul by your presence with him and your purpose for him, so stir us to delight in your will and

walk in your ways; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: Psalm 42:1-11 (*My soul thirsts for God.*)

Lector: ¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” ⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. ⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. ⁶ My soul is downcast within me; therefore, I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. ⁸ By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” ¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?” ¹¹ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 1:24-2:5 (*God’s mystery disclosed*)

Lector: ²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me, to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. ² I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (*Blessed are you!*)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Sermon: “We have a ... Christ-Centered Motivation”

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Hymn: “*Thy Strong Word*”

LSB 578

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Loving Father, we thank you for the Apostle Paul; for motivating him to suffer for the sake of the Church; to empathize with the neglected and abused; to minister to those who hunger and thirst; to heal those who are diseased.

People: Make our goal also to proclaim Jesus Christ; to admonish, to teach, to transform our world through the riches of the mystery of Christ.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and thank you for the privilege of sharing in your sufferings. You entered our world, shared in its sufferings, and sacrificed yourself to redeem the world.

People: We praise you for allowing us to participate in the ministry of both suffering and healing, through the work of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you for the privilege of sharing in the proclamation of your Gospel. Our world is lost in the darkness of sin. Yet you entered our world, enlightened our darkness, and died for the forgiveness of sin. We praise you for allowing us to bring this Gospel to the nations.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you for the privilege of building each other up in the knowledge of your Word. We celebrate

our place in God's family. We yearn to grow in knowledge, faith, and obedience.

Pastor: *Additional petitions here...* Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you for the privilege of participating in your body, the Church. We thank you for the ministry of worship and music, of evangelism, of fellowship, of human care, of education, and of stewardship that is carried out in our midst. We pray in Jesus' name, 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. (*Psalms 136*)

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

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

Sanctus: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (vv. 1 & 5)

LSB 940

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

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

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" vv. 1 & 3

LSB 434

Distribution/Song of the Month: "O Come to the Altar"

Prayer of Thanks

Blessing

Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

LSB 662

Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus, may your presence **in** me and your purpose **for** me, motivate me to aspire to a higher endeavor, all the days of my life. 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

Lector: Whitney Hemman
 Greeters: Dennis and Diane Leimbach
 Acolyte: Nolan Head
 Organist: Barb Burroughs
 Elder: Tony Scholl
 Ushers: Phillip Head, Cody Braeuner, Garrett Head, Garrett Braeuner
 Audio/Visual Team: Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

This Week's Schedule

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| Sun., Jan. 26, 2025 | After worship | Voters' annual meeting |
| Mon., Jan. 27, 2025 | | Pastor Hoemann's day off |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. SV, Perryville (C & B) (Home at UCLS)</i> |
| Mon.-Fri., Jan. 27-31, 2025 | TBA | <i>EPC Wildcats Basketball A-Team Tournament at SV, Cape</i> |
| Tues., Jan. 28, 2025 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Quilt tying at Cindy Barich's home |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Pickleball |
| Wed., Jan. 29, 2025 | 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. | Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles) |
| Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025 | Noon | Bulletin items due |
| | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Pastor at MO District CV training in Columbia |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. Kelso C-7 (C & A) (Away)</i> |
| Fri., Jan. 31, 2025 | 5:30 p.m. | <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. St. Paul (C & B) (Away)</i> |
| Fri.-Sun., Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2025 | TBA | <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball C-Team Tournament at Oak Ridge</i> |
| Sun., Feb. 2, 2025 | 8 a.m. | Bible Study (Colossians) |
| | 9 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | After worship | Refreshments and fellowship |

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-158 (Sat.-70 {in person}; Sun.-88 {63 in person, 25 online}), one year ago 173 (Sat.-72, Sun.-101 {89 in person, 12 online}); Bible Class-14 (8 in person, 6 online)

As We Gather: By the time Paul wrote Colossians, he could have been sitting back and resting on his laurels, putting his life on cruise-control. Instead, Paul describes his Christ-centered motivation in Colossians 1:24-2:5. It is God's gift to you, too!

Stewardship Standard: I Corinthians 12:16 says, "And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the

body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our lives holy in Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, his body. You are a part of his body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

Order in the order— The **AGNUS DEI**, Latin for “Lamb of God,” brings to mind John the Baptist’s ministry on the banks of the Jordan River, when he declared Jesus to be “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” It is a final prayer for mercy, without which we cannot live. Our desperate need is now to be ministered to directly in the eating and drinking of Jesus’ body and blood, in, with and under the bread and wine.

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 wildfires.

| DECEMBER - Per Service | | | DECEMBER 2024 Breakdown | | | |
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| | | | 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

Calling anyone that can tie a knot - Quilt tying starts from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, at Cindy Barich's home. Quilt tyers will also meet Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Questions-please call Denise Morrison at 573-824-5605.

Did you know...if you are 70 ½ 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.

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 still 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.

Saxony Lutheran High School is hosting a blood drive from 1:30-5:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Moeller Commons. Schedule an appointment by visiting the Red Cross website and selecting the Saxony blood drive.

Tickets are on sale now for Saxony's Blue and Gold Gala, Saturday, February 22, at the Bavarian Halle in Fruitland. This is Saxony's silver anniversary year. 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 hiring an evening custodian. No experience necessary. This position could be full- or part-time. Retired individuals are welcome to apply. Contact Toni Mills at 573-275-7855 for more information.

Saxony Lutheran High School is currently reviewing nominations for the Saxony Lutheran Hall of Fame. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please do so by sending a letter to Mr. Sam Sides via email at ssides@saxonylutheranhigh.org or mail at Saxony Lutheran High School, Attn: Sam Sides, 2004 Saxony Dr., Jackson, MO 63755. The Saxony Lutheran Hall of Fame is not an athletic-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. Each ticket includes a pork loin dinner, drinks, and the 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 KFYO AM 850 & kfuo.org: We continue our study of Isaiah on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays). On *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays), we are studying the book of Job. Don't forget to tune in to *Concord Matters* at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 1, as we discuss confessional subscription in the ELCA with Rev. Dr. Mark Granquist. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFYO Radio app.

Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“**Babies are born into the world wrapped in surprising packaging**, like disabilities or poverty. But even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children.”
Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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| Week: 21 | <u>Hymn of the Week</u> |
| Sunday: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | LSB 392 “God Loves Me Dearly” God loves me dearly, grants me salvation; God loves me dearly, loves even me. Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me. |
| <u>Bible Stories</u> 01/27 -- M: Matthew 6:1-18 01/28 -- Tu: Matthew 6:19-34 01/29 -- W: Matthew 7:1-14 01/30 -- Th: Matthew 7:15-29 01/31 -- F: Matthew 8:1-22 | <u>Bible Verse</u> <i>19In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.</i> II Corinthians 5:19 (ESV) |

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer— The 4th Petition: Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”