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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 our multipurpose room on the side of the narthex.***

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

LSB 409

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you,

People: and I did not cover my iniquity.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you

People: at a time when you may be found. (Psalm 32:5-6)

Pastor: When we do not listen to your words and close our hearts to you,
(Deut. 18:19)

People: forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: When our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak to stumble,
(I Cor. 8:9)

People: forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: When we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and
love of God we have in Christ, (Mark 1:27)

People: forgive us, dear Lord.

(A moment of silence for examination and confession)

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

People: Amen.

Introit: Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: whose sin is covered.

Pastor: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

People: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

Pastor: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**People: Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when
you may be found.**

Pastor: Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

People: You are a hiding place for me;

Pastor: You preserve me from trouble;

People: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Prayer

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(God promises a new prophet like Moses.)

Lector: ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." ¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: I Corinthians 8:1-13 (*Love for those weak in faith*)

Lector: ¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: we know that "we all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God. ⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that "an idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. ⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food, they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Alleluia! They were astonished at his teaching,

People: for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia! (Mark 1:22a)

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (*Authority over unclean spirits*)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LSB 398

Sermon “I’ve Never Been This Way Before” Deut. 18:15-20

Credal Hymn: “We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

+ 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 proper...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

Prayer of Thanks

LSB 209

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

The Peace

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution/Song

“Light of the World” (Sing Hallelujah)

Post-Communion Canticle: “Nunc Dimittis”

LSB 211

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: You have spoke to us through your freeing, forgiving Word.

People: Blessed are you, Lord.

Pastor: You have gathered us into your family.

People: Blessed are you, Lord.

Pastor: You are the Holy One of God; you deliver us from evil.

People: Blessed are you, Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn: “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

LSB 583

(Tune: LSB 686)

Announcements

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: David and Carla Braeuner
Lector: Carol Grebing-Duggan
Organist: Barb Burroughs
Acolyte: Layton Hoehne
Elder: Rick Lorenz
Ushers: Phillip Head, Garrett Head, Tim Mouser, Dusty Lorenz
Audio/Visual Team: Amy Birk, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, Jan. 28, 2024	After worship 2 p.m.	Concordia Voters Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center Pastor Hoemann's day off
Mon., Jan. 29, 2024		
Tues., Jan. 30, 2024	2:30-4:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Quilt tying at Cindy Barich's home <i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. Immanuel, Perryville at APS</i>
Wed., Jan. 31, 2024	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (2 nd Coming of Christ)
Sun., Feb. 4, 2024	9 a.m. After worship	Worship with Holy Communion Refreshments and fellowship

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 173 (72 Saturday; 89 Sunday; 12 online), one year ago – 191

As We Gather: This is the year of Mark's Gospel. It is brief and to the point. But what is the point? The point is that Mark's Gospel is not finished...until it is finished in you! The people were astonished and surprised at Jesus' demonstration of power, even over the demons. But the ones who were most surprised were the demons themselves. It is not surprising that the devil and his cohorts must bow in obedience to almighty God. What is surprising is that almighty God now stands before them in this seemingly weak, mortal human being named Jesus! When we hear, receive, and believe the Gospel, we are surprised that, by means of water and God's Word, we are now empowered to battle the devil and all his works and ways. Even more, we look forward to the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.

Stewardship Standard: Mark 1:22 says, "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live because Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: The **SONG OF PRAISE** (sometimes called "the Gloria") is our response to the Good News: in Christ, we are forgiven and now live at peace with God. In this song, we praise the triune God for who he is and for all he has done for us.

Today is the last Sunday for our January 2024 door offering, which supports the Missouri District-LCMS' effort to recruit more pastors and teachers. Please be generous in your giving to *"Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers."*

Something to celebrate: Last weekend, three Concordia members were named to the homecoming court at Saxony Lutheran High School: Dalton Head, Landre

Hoehne, and Mallory Kohlfeld, and Dalton was crowned as the homecoming king. Congratulations to all of them!

Calling anyone that can tie a knot—quilt tying starts 2:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, at Cindy Barich's home. Quilt tying will also take place February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Please call Denise Morrison, 573-824-5605, with questions.

Our Concordia Endowments—The Capital Improvement Fund: This fund is for use by the congregation to purchase and repair property and equipment. Funding is from gifts and offerings from individuals that are earmarked for this fund. If you'd like to make a contribution, please speak to Todd Petzoldt, chair of the endowment committee.

A.C.T.S. small group would like to thank Concordia members for their generous spirit—35 yellow bags were filled with blankets and other items to share with those in need in our community. The bags, which filled a pick-up truck bed to overflowing, were given to Hands of Hope Clothing Closet in Cape Girardeau, which is sponsored by The Apostolic Promise Church. They will distribute to those in need.

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 a 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.

Continue to pray for the vacant congregations in the Altenburg Circuit: Trinity, Altenburg; Trinity, Friedheim; and Immanuel, New Wells.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

A Red Cross blood drive, hosted by the Saxony Student Council, will be 1:30-5:30 p.m., January 29, in Saxony's Moeller Commons.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Story time for ages 3-8 will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 3, at Riverside Regional Library in Altenburg. Stories will be read by Debbie Lichtenegger and Adam Lichtenegger.

The Big Breakfast will be 7-11 a.m., Sunday, February 11, at Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, fried potatoes, juice, milk, and coffee, for a free-will donation.

A murder-mystery dinner, "Murder at the Dry Gulp Saloon", presented by Randy Manning and Jest Murder Mysteries, will be Saturday, February 17, at Brazeau Hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the show and dinner beginning at 6:45 p.m. Advance tickets are \$35, and tickets at the door will be \$40 (table of 6-\$180). Each ticket includes a pork loin dinner, drinks, and the show. This fundraiser is sponsored by Salem, Farrar/Zion, Crosstown LYF. Proceeds to go toward the LYF trip to the 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. (For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.)

"The Trouble with Being TUCKER DOWT," presented by Salem Adults in Christ, will be at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, February 23-24, and March 1-2, in the Salem Lutheran gym, Farrar. Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study II Corinthians 10-13 on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on *Thy*

Strong Word (11 a.m. weekdays); and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church work on the “Set Apart to Serve” series on *The Coffee Hour* (9 a.m., Friday, February 2). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Epiphany 5)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 629 “What Is This Bread”

What is this bread?
Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

Bible Stories

01/29 -- M: John 3:1-18
01/30 -- Tu: John 3:22-36
01/31 -- W: John 4:1-26
02/01 -- Th: John 4:27-42
02/02 -- F: John 4:46-54

Bible Verse

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 (ESV)

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer: The 4th petition and meaning – 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.