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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 29, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842

Invocation & Psalm 15

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

People: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

Pastor: who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

People: who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: The prophet Micah asks: "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" (*Micah 6:6-7*)

People: We bear the same burden of our transgressions. But we also know that there is nothing we can offer God that would pay the price for our sins.

Pastor: So, we confess our sins to God with repentant faith, trusting only in his mercy, for the sake of Jesus.

(Silence for examination)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: we confess before you that we are sinners; sinful by nature, sinful from birth. We fail to treat people justly. We fail to show mercy. We do not walk humbly in your sight. (*Micah 6:8*) We do not live the blessed life you offer us, as we reject your ways. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pastor: God the Father loves us. His Son, Jesus, died for us. The Holy Spirit guides us into a God-pleasing life. For Jesus' sake and by his authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Go in the peace and joy of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "Glorify Be to God on High" [Tune: LSB 374]

Glorify be to God on high, praise and adoration.

Lord, on earth your grace supply, peace and consolation.

You we bless and magnify; all our thanks outpouring.

You are pleased with us to dwell, wondrous is your glory.

**Heaven's King, our Lord and God, our Almighty Father.
And your only Son, the Christ, Lamb of God and Savior.
You have taken this world's sin, Lamb of God, have mercy.
Hear our prayer, receive our plea, Jesus Christ, have mercy.**

**Jesus sits at God's right hand, for us interceding;
Only holy, only Lord, he for us is pleading.
Only highest, Jesus Christ, with the Spirit holy.
You we praise and magnify, in the Father's glory.**

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Prayer

Old Testament

Micah 6:1-8

(Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God.)

Lector: ¹ Listen to what the LORD says: Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ² Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³ "My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." ⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:18-31

(The cross is God's wisdom.)

Lector: ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than

human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.
²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

Pastor: Alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus speaks the Beatitudes.)

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

People: Praise 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: Glory to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

LSB 782

Sermon “Blessed or not?” Matthew 5:1-12

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: May the Lord be with you all.

People: May the Lord be with you too.

Pastor: Hearts and hands and voices raise,

People: Lifted to the Lord in praise.

Pastor: Thank you, Lord, our God, most good

People: For our soul's most precious food.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight to give thanks to you...we praise your name,
saying:

Sanctus [Tune: LSB 397]

**Holy, holy, holy, sing
To the heav'nly armies' King.
For his glory, might, and worth
Fill the heavens, fill the earth.
Holy, holy, holy cry
To the Lord of hosts most high.**

**Hail, Hosanna David's Son!
Blessed is the One who comes
In the name of God the Lord,
Name of blessings rich outpoured.
Hail, Hosanna, save us now,
Holy, holy God of pow'r.**

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Prayer of Thanks

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Peace of the Lord

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei [Tune: LSB 344]

**O, Lamb of God, who takes away
The whole world's sin, now hear us pray:
Have mercy on us, grant us peace,
From all our sins give us release.**

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Distribution/Hymns

- "You Are the Way, to You Alone"* LSB 526
- "Hope of the World"* LSB 690
- "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"* LSB 636

Post-Communion Thanks

Blessing

- Hymn: *"O God of God, O Light of Light"* LSB 810

Announcements

Postlude

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:	Andy and Angie Head
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Lector:	Whitney Hemman
Acolyte:	Rylan Kohlfeld
Elder:	Rick Lorenz
Ushers:	Dalton France, Ben Grebing, Adam Hoehne, Earl Petzoldt
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, Jan. 29, 2023	After Worship	Voters Meeting
Mon., Jan. 30, 2023		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Tues., Jan. 31, 2023	3 p.m.	Quilt Tacking at Cindy Barich's home
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball tournament at Trinity, Altenburg
Wed., Feb. 1, 2023	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Job)
Thurs., Feb. 2, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Thrivent Charitable Giving Workshop at Saxony Hills Brewery
	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball at Nell Holcomb (A & C)</i>
Sat.-Mon., Feb. 4-6, 2023	TBA	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball plays at Notre Dame Tournament</i>
Sun., Feb. 5, 2023	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	After Worship	Refreshments and fellowship
	After Worship	Elders meeting
	4 p.m.	Pickle Ball small group

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 191, one year ago – 118; Adult Bible Class – (No Bible Class), one year ago – 16

As We Gather: Today, we hear Jesus speak the Beatitudes in the Gospel according to Matthew. As we listen, may our desire be...to be blessed as God would have us be blessed—by seeking the joys of his kingdom, instead of the joys of this sinful world. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: I Corinthians 1:18 says, “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources he’s given to us. The world says, “Hold on, hold back, gather for yourself.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser? The wisdom of the financial expert or the foolishness of God?

The EPC Lady Wildcats will be having a donut fundraiser after worship today. A free-will offering will be collected, which will be combined with donations gathered at the “Heart and Hustle” basketball game vs. Immanuel, Perryville, on Tuesday, February 14. All monies collected will support local area cancer patients. Both basketball teams thank you for your support!

Please continue to pray for the vacant congregations in the Altenburg Circuit: Salem, Farrar; Zion, Crosstown; Immanuel, New Wells; and Trinity, Friedheim.

Thank you all for your prayers, gifts, cards, and expressions of concern during our recent illness/recovery. We love you all, and wish you good health and happiness. God bless you! Edgar and Della Dreyer

Please join us for quilt tacking! We will be making quilts for Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Family & Children’s Services (LFCS), and the Crisis Center from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, at Cindy Barich's home. No experience is needed. If you have questions, call Denise Morrison at 573-824-5605.

As you think about how God has richly blessed you and how to give back, it's important to know about the avenues you can use, with a charitable giving plan as a key component of your financial strategy. With the right tools and resources, you can make the most of your blessings and potentially realize tax efficiencies, too. Come and hear more from Thrivent Financial Advisor Mark Gerler at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 2, at Saxony Hills Brewery. Complimentary dinner and drinks are included. Please RSVP to Suzy at 573-824-6060 by Tuesday, January 31.

How can you turn postage stamps into money? Please save all your cancelled postage stamps. Tear off the upper right-hand corner of the envelope around the stamp, leaving 1/4" or more of the envelope on the stamp. Place the stamps in a zip-lock bag and put them in the labeled box in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room. More than \$16,000 has been raised for Missouri District LWML mission projects by selling cancelled postage stamps to stamp collectors.

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.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

LYF is continuing to collect aluminum cans. A load, totaling 671 pounds, was recently taken to the recycling center. A big "thank you" to Bob and Janet Schuessler and Dale and Karen Bronenkant for keeping up with the donations and hauling the cans, which produced \$355.63. It will go toward LYF activities for the year. Thank you to all who dropped off cans. We appreciate your support!

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

LET'S FIESTA! APS and UCLS are gearing up for their joint dinner auction on Saturday, March 18. Funds raised will go to help each school with various projects. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 each at either school's office or at West End, starting Wednesday, February 1. Anyone who pre-purchases an entire table of 10 will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Saxony Homecoming week is this week, January 30-February 3. The boys' junior varsity basketball team will tip off at 6 p.m. this Friday, February 3, versus St. Paul, with the varsity game to follow. The Saxony Booster Club will host a chili supper from 5-7 p.m. in the Moeller Commons. All Saxony alumni are invited to participate in a special recognition prior to the start of the varsity game.

Join us for "Future Crusader Nights" at upcoming athletic events. Students in Pre-K-8th grade will receive FREE admission to the girls' basketball game tomorrow, January 30, and the boys' basketball game on Tuesday, February 7.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Perry County Lutheran Chorale invites you to its rehearsal at 6 p.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Perryville.

A "Loss of a Spouse" GriefShare Seminar will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, February 11, at Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown. Contact Colleen Burroughs at 573-576-6613 to register.

A benefit breakfast will be held 7-11 a.m., Sunday, February 12, 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.

Salem (Farrar)/Zion (Crosstown) LYF will host a murder mystery dinner, “Bullets in the Bathtub” (presented by Jest Murder Mystery) Saturday, February 18, at Brazeau Hall.

The East Perry Lions Club is hosting their annual pancake breakfast from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, February 19, at the East Perry Senior Center in Altenburg. A free-will offering will be collected. A box will be available for the donation of used eyeglasses.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study John 6 on *Sharper Iron’s* "Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8 a.m.); finish studying Esther and hear about “Funeral Texts” on “Free-Text-Friday” on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.); and hear about the benefits of baptism on *Concord Matters* at 10 a.m. this Saturday, February 4. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults.” *Dr. William Life, Pensacola, Florida – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Epiphany 5)

Hymn of the Week

LSB #643

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

Bible Verse

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer—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.”

Bible Stories

- 01/30 -- M: Luke 6:20-26
- 01/31 -- Tu: Luke 6:27-38
- 02/01 -- W: Luke 6:39-49
- 02/02 -- Th: Luke 7:1-10
- 02/03 -- F: Luke 7:11-17

SERMON NOTES: