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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 5, 2025

The Second Sunday after Christmas

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Hymn: “*See Amid the Winter’s Snow*”

LSB 373

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,

People: to dwell in your courts!

Leader: We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

People: the holiness of your temple!

Leader: And God said, “Ask what I shall give you.”

People: Give your servant an understanding mind. (*Psalm 65:4; 1 Kings 3:5, 9*)

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Leader: We now confess our sins to our Heavenly Father.

(Silence for self-examination and confession)

ALL: Gracious God, you have shown steadfast love to us and have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Yet we have not lived up to our high and holy calling. We have sinned against you and against our neighbors. We sincerely repent of our sins and turn to you for forgiveness, strength, and the resolve to amend our lives; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: In Christ, we have redemption—the forgiveness of sins, through his blood, according to the riches of his grace. (*Ephesians 1:7*) To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Introit: Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; Antiphon John 1:14

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: and we have seen his glory, as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;

People: His understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

People: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: and we have seen his glory, as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hymn of Praise: “*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*”

LSB 390

Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, you have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that this Light will always shine forth in our lives, so that the whole world will take notice and glorify you. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: I Kings 3:4-15

(Wisdom, the greatest gift, is given to King Solomon.)

Leader: ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷ Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

(The wisdom, insight, and mystery of God’s will)

Leader: ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ, ⁴ just as he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight and in love ⁵ predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves, ⁷ in whom

we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace⁸ that he lavished on us in all wisdom and understanding,⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ,¹¹ in whom we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory,¹³ in whom you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in which having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse (Luke 2:40)

Leader: Alleluia! The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

People: And the favor of God was upon Him. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40-52 (The boy Jesus filled with wisdom.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader:⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.⁴² When he was 12 years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Sermon

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

Prayers of the Church

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Hymn: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Participants in Today's Service

- Greeters: Jeremiah and Kelly Kohlfeld
- Acolyte: Aiden Best
- Organist: Barb Burroughs
- Elder: Tony Scholl
- Ushers: Kevin Steffens, Phillip Head, Cody Braeuner, Garrett Braeuner
- Audio/Visual Team: Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

This Week's Schedule

Today, Jan. 5, 2025	After worship	Refreshments and fellowship
	After worship	Taking down Christmas decorations
Mon., Jan. 6, 2025		Pastor Hoemann's day off
The Epiphany of our Lord	5:30 p.m.	EPC Wildcats Basketball vs. Eagle Ridge (C), IC (C & A) (Away at IC)
Tues., Jan. 7, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball
	5:30 p.m.	EPC Wildcats Basketball vs. St. Paul, Jackson (Home at APS) (Parents' Night)
Wed., Jan. 8, 2025	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
Thurs., Jan. 9, 2025	Noon	Bulletin items due
	5:30 p.m.	EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. St. Augustine (C & B) (Away)
	5:30 p.m.	EPC Wildcats Basketball vs. Kelso C-7 (C & A) (Away)
	6 p.m.	Family Discipleship team
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 11 & 12 and 18 & 19, 2025	TBA	EPC Wildcats Basketball Notre Dame Tournament
Sun., Jan. 12, 2025	8 a.m.	Bible Study (Colossians)
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
		Installation of new officers
	After worship	Stewardship Committee
	After worship	"Concordia Sings"
	2 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center
	TBA	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: Because we believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the 2nd person of the Holy Trinity, "God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God," it is difficult for us to think of him as a pre-teen or teenage boy who somehow needs to "increase in wisdom and in stature." Together, with today's Epistle reading ("heavenly places," "before the foundation of the world") we are given a glimpse from the really big picture; namely, eternity, to see our Lord's presence in the Jerusalem Temple as only one stop on his "business trip" of salvation. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Luke 2:40 says, "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." At Christmas, God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in his image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in his Word. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

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.

Today, we welcome 2nd-year Seminarian Blake Brockman as our guest worship leader/proclaimer. Blake is married to Hannah, and they have an infant son, Judah. Hannah teaches English at Lutheran High School in St. Charles, Mo. Thank you, Blake, for your service to Concordia!

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

Prayers for the following, please: our shut-in members Edgar (for healing following hip surgery) and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Tillie Luckey, Mahela Lueders, Jean Mueller, Flora Oberndorfer; 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 as he resumes studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; for the renovation work going on inside the Hall; for hurricane recovery in the southeastern United States.

Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation through today. If you have need of pastoral care, contact Pastor Frank Lucas at 734-735-8613.

Next Sunday, January 12, Pastor Hoemann will begin 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Also, next Sunday, January 12, newly-elected officers at Concordia will be installed during the worship service.

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.

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. Beginning January 7, tickets will be on sale at Gas-A-Mat, APS, and UCLS—\$50 each or \$450 for a table of 10 (must be paid for when reserved).

Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes

The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum invites you to its 20th annual Christmas tree display, "Ring Christmas Bells! Come see 50 uniquely decorated trees; at least that many nativities; and much more throughout the three galleries; now through Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The museum is open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

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 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.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24-January 6, 2025. Regular programming will resume January 7.



Week: 18	Hymn of the Week
Sunday: Baptism of our Lord	LSB 405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” To Jordan’s river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.
<u>Bible Stories</u> 01/06 -- M: Luke 2:21-24 01/07 -- Tu: Luke 2:25-40 01/08 -- W: Matthew 2:1-12 01/09 -- Th: Matthew 2:13-15 01/10 -- F: Matthew 2:16-23	<u>Bible Verse</u> <i>¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit</i> Matthew 28:19 (ESV)
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Catechism</u></p> <p>The Lord’s Prayer—The 1st Petition: Hallowed be Thy name.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</p> <p><i>How is God’s name kept holy?</i> God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!</p>	