

Concordia *Evangelical Lutheran*



The Third Sunday after Epiphany
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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Ps. 122:1

Instructions for Communion:

If you are a member of Concordia, see the pew card for help preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at Concordia is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Buchs about Communion before participating.

Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?

If you're member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Buchs know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

Prayers for Worship can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal. More prayers are provided on page 305ff.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn **#412 The People That in Darkness Sat**

Confession & Absolution (Hymnal, p. 184)

Introit (Bulletin, p. 2)

Kyrie & Gloria (Hymnal, p. 186)

The Readings (Bulletin, p. 3-4)

Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 192)

Hymn of the Day: **#401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

Catechism Recitation: **The Eighth Commandment** (Hymnal p. 321)

Sermon

Offertory & Offering (Hymnal, p. 192)

Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

#768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

#617 O Lord We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: **#805 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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INTROIT *Psalm 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9*

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

**For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

O you who love the Lord, hate evil!

**He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand
of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

**For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Psalm 102:15–16*

**Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.**

**For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory.**

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:16-21

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 8:1-13

¹When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Next Sunday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Hymns: 396, 519, 404, 618, 719

Collect of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Today we are grateful to have **the Rev. Fred Kutter** as our guest preacher! Pastor Kutter most recently served as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany until his retirement in 2020. Please welcome him as he shares God's Word and Sacrament with us!

Learn By Heart for this week

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Men, are you ready to test your mettle? Join us for a unique men's retreat combining Bible study and a strength competition that will challenge and encourage you. **Invite a friend!**

When: Friday, Jan 31 & Saturday, Feb 1

Cost: \$20 (free for under-18 and non-competitors)

Exhortation: Dive into God's Word and be strengthened in faith.

Competition: Tire Flip, Sandbag Hoist, Farmer Carry, Pullup—four events to push you to excellence, with divisions for all ages.

Friday:

7:30-8:00 pm: Evening Prayer

8:00-9:00 pm: Orientation & Social Hour (drinks & snacks)

Saturday:

7:00-8:00 am: Breakfast & Bible Study

8:00-8:30 am: Morning Prayer

8:30-9:00 am: Warmup & practice reps

9:00 am-12 pm: Competition

12-1 pm: Feast & Awards

1-2 pm: Bible Study & Dismissal

Prayer Requests

Donna Anderson
 Avery Broich
(granddaughter of Robin Halverson)
 Darlene Dillon
 Geraldine Gageby
 Robin Halverson
 Halarie Haukaas
 Pam Hutchings
 Nikki James
(niece of Arlen & Verna Lea Salmela)
 Teddy Kothe
 Chris Marschel
 Gracie Muehring
 Marshall Neumiller
 Lorraine Rose
 Arlen Salmela
 Emery Schmidt
 Kaitlyn Stewart
 Kathy Wohlman

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 27 Jayden Randall
 Jaymee Randall
 January 29 Joyce Pramann
 February 1 Teddy Kothe
 Chris Marschel
 Matthias Buchs
 February 2 Christopher Rose

This Week's Schedule

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School (no Bible Study)
	11:00 am	Annual Meeting
Monday	8:30 am	Chapel & Homeschool Class
Wednesday	8:30 am	Homeschool Choir
	9:30 am	Chapel
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Vespers
Friday	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
	7:30-9:00 pm	Men's Retreat
Saturday	7 am-2 pm	Men's Retreat
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Elder's Meeting