

Concordia
Evangelical Lutheran



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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 #733 **O God Our Help in Ages Past**

Confession & Absolution (Hymnal, p. 184)

Introit (Bulletin, p. 2)

Kyrie & Gloria (Hymnal, p. 186)

The Readings (Bulletin, p. 3-4)

Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 191)

Hymn of the Day: #683 **Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

Catechism Recitation: **Close of the Commandments** (Hymnal p. 322)

Sermon

Offertory & Offering (Hymnal, p. 192)

Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

#555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

#630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: #716 **I Walk in Danger All the Way**

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INTROIT

Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a

The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord.

From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.

**For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing to your 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.

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the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord.

From his temple he heard my voice.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 9:9–10, 18–19a

**The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

**For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

Arise, O Lord!

Let not man prevail.

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Next Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Hebrews 4:9-13; Luke 8:4-15

Hymns: 655, 824, 577, 707, 702

Collect of the Day: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Learn By Heart for this week

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.



Help Support your local Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Cloud. The Pregnancy Resource Center is holding their Baby Bottle campaign to provide essential care for expectant mothers and their little ones.

- We ask that you fill a **baby bottle** with coins, cash or checks for donation.
- We will also be collecting **new baby items**:
 - Newborn and size 1 & 2 Diapers
 - Baby Wipes
 - Newborn & 0-3 clothing
 - Baby Blankets

There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where the Baby Bottles can be picked up and returned to the church by the end of March. Baby items can also be placed on the table for donation.

Any question please contact Brandee Muonio!

Prayer Requests

Donna Anderson
Kevin Barnes
Avery Broich
(granddaughter of Robin Halverson)
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

February 16 Erin Saukkola
February 18 Julie Hentges
February 20 Amy Skuza
February 22 Anna Skuza
February 23 Arlene Barnes

Pastor:	Rev. David Buchs
Elder:	Leslie Rose
Organist:	Lynn Hoff

This Week's Schedule

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Tuesday		Pastor @ Circuit Meeting
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
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School