

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 **#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

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: **#824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

Catechism Recitation: **Apostles' Creed: First Article** (Hymnal p. 322)

Sermon

Offertory & Offering (Hymnal, p. 192)

Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

#577 Almighty God Thy Word is Cast

#707 O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: **#702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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INTROIT *Psalm 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a*

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.**

But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.

**In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

**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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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.

GRADUAL *Psalm 83:18, 13*

**[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the Lord,
are the Most High over all the earth.**

**O my God, make them like whirling dust,
like chaff before the wind.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle: Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Gospel: Luke 8:4–15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

Next Sunday

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 18:31-43

Hymns: 587, 849, 709, 633, 809

Collect of the Day: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 Second Article: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

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 23 Arlene Barnes
February 26 Myron Oswald
Piper Laney

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
Sunday-Tuesday		District Convention in Grand Rapids
Wednesday		<i>No Bible Study or Worship</i>
Friday	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School

**Pastor will be out of the office all week.*