



February 5, 2023
Presentation of Our Lord
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Announcements for February 5, 2023

Sunday (5)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Education Hour
Monday (6)	6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (7)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (8)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00-7:00 pm Bells 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group
Saturday (11)	8:30 am Church Indoor Workday
Sunday (12)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Education Hour

Last week at Concordia: Attendance:43

Planned Returning: \$ 2,727

Actual Return: \$

YTD: -(\$

Welcome Concordia members & guests—please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Save the Date! Saturday, February 18th at 6:00 pm – Chili/Soup Cook Off & NYG Youth Trivia Night! Please join us for an evening of delicious chili & soups as well as TRIVIA! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to enter your chili/soup (we only have 5 spots, so sign up soon!) To participate in the Trivia, it is \$10 per person, max 8 per table. Invite your family & friends! Look for the Trivia sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. For further information, please contact Wes at wesaquice@gmail.com.

Indoor Workday 2023 – attention all capable workers – the Trustees have identified Saturday February 11th as our annual indoor workday for 2023. Like last year – there will be items on the lists from very easy to a little more technical – so all ability levels are welcome. We will begin at 8:30 am and work until we are done. Donuts, juice and coffee will be available to start the morning. All supplies will be here and ready for eager hands to help clean. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Scarves and Hats and Mittens – Oh My! It's the time of year that these are necessary items for winter survival. We want to collect winter scarves, hats, mittens, *and* gloves to donate first to Hoover School and then any abundance of extras to another needing shelter. Starting **February 1st** there will be a display and places to drop off these items in the **Fellowship Hall**. We will look to collect items for the month of February. Again, these will be for school age children. If you would prefer to make a cash donation – please drop those off to the office with a note denoting what it is to be used for. Thank you for your generosity!

2022 Offering Statements have been emailed to those who have an email on file. Please watch for an email coming from automail@360members.com. If the office doesn't have an email for you, your statement will be mailed out. If you need a hard copy of your statement, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Attention Youth – Youth Group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm during Lent beginning on February 21st through April 4th. We will go back to our Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning on April 12th.

Put on your thinking caps and join us for a night of fun and friendly competition! We still have space for a few more TRIVIA teams for our Trivia night on Saturday, February 18th. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Wes at wesaquice@gmail.com.

Building Healthy Families: A survey of LCMS youth attending the National Youth Gathering last July identified five issues they're most concerned about: LGBTQ, mental health, abortion, reaching unbelievers/defending the faith and personal faith. DCE Julianna Shults, program manager for LCMS Youth Ministry, said the survey also shows that they "want to take on difficult topics, and congregations should not shy away from addressing them. Our teens are hyperconnected to the world and all its issues. As they become more aware of the brokenness in our world, the church is uniquely equipped to provide them with support and hope." Your Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help with these topics, as we thank God for faithful youth and the adults in their congregational families who love and support them in these difficult days! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Divine Service Setting One p.151

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 **Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word**
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.
- 3 **Gracious Savior, good and kind,**
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- △ 4 **Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,**
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels
God has made himself known as a fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,
which God will establish 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.**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21–28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live,

my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain!

As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Epistle

Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–32

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
- 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.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sit

Offering

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

- 1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

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ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.**

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