



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026

Announcements for January 18, 2026

Sunday (18)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (19)	4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (20)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (21)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation Class
Saturday (24)	8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall – Troop 214
Sunday (25)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

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

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 43 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$1,823 YTD: (\$2,823)

FOOTBALL SUNDAY – Sign up on the bulletin board to get your pizza rolls for “Football Sunday” Choose from cheese, pepperoni, or sausage. Each pizza roll is only \$15. Pick up is on Sunday, February 8th after service. Thank you for your support of Concordia’s youth group.

2025 offering statements have been emailed to those with emails on file and mailed out to those with no email on file. Please check your inbox, if you didn’t receive one, call the church office. Thank you.

Attention Women - Are your feet running in all directions, aching to be put up, or longing to walk alongside others? No matter where you are in your faith walk, the Lord has equipped you with uniquely beautiful feet! (Yes, your feet *are* beautiful!) Join us as we "lift the lid" off several shoeboxes to examine various styles of shoes and learn how each represents a portion of our walk with the Lord! What is your "shoe size? "What makes truly beautiful feet? And what has the Lord called these beautiful feet to do? Whether you shuffle, walk, boogie, or run, bring your beautiful feet to this Women's Retreat hosted by **Concordia Lutheran Church** on **Saturday, February 21, 2026**, starting at **8:00 am and ending by 3:00 pm** at **4210 Johnson Avenue NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405**. Registration cost is \$35.00. We also would like you to bring a long a pair of children's shoes that will be donated to a local school. Prepare to be swept off your feet as we take a walk in the Word together, enjoy some food (lite breakfast & lunch included), kick up your heels, sharing encouragement, fellowship and fun in Christ! Questions? Contact the Concordia Church Office-319/396-9035 or email concordia@imonmail.com for more information about this knock-your-socks-off exciting event! **Mark your calendar now, invite your friends, and grab a registration form from the Welcome Desk.**

Building Healthy Families: Life can be hard, and relationships can cause pain. When someone hurts you, you may find it difficult to trust again. Through all life's challenges, God never breaks His promise: "I will never leave you; I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13) He does not abandon you in the pain but promises to stay with you – and puts people in place to be there, including pastors and counselors who are available to help with troubled relationships and the pain they leave behind. Remember, you're not alone and (no matter what your German genes or your American individualist pride tells you) it's okay to ask for help. God put us here to be good for one another. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Called Saints

As We Gather

People often speak about a person's calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person's "calling" or "destiny" is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ's mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, "that Israel might be gathered to Him," and called "as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:5-6). Saul of Tarsus was "called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:1-2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

PREPARATION

BOB 12 As the Deer

1. **As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.**
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

2. **You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.**
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

3. **I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.**
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; 1 Corinthians 6:11

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
- C** to God my exceeding joy.

- P** You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified
- C** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Confession and Absolution

1 Corinthians 1:2

- P** Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!
- C** **Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.**
- P** “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.” (*LSB* 688:1)

Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

BOB 68 Glory to the Lamb

1. **Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.**

**Chorus: For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,
The Lamb upon the throne;
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb upon the throne.**

2. **Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.**

**Chorus: For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,
The Lamb upon the throne;
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb upon the throne.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.**

**Chorus: For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,
The Lamb upon the throne;
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb upon the throne.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

John 1:29b

P Alleluia.

C Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

BOB 22 Behold the Lamb

**Chorus: Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
Slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.**

**Verse: Crown Him, crown Him,
Worthy is the Lamb.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Heav’n and earth resound.**

**Chorus: Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
Slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice,
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb**

**Verse: Crown Him, crown Him,
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Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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 (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Offering

BOB 35 Come and Behold Him

- 1. Come and behold Him; come see His glory.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
We will discover all of His beauty,
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.**

**Chorus: Come and behold Him, come and behold Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
Come and behold Him; wait now before Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.**

- 2. Come and behold Him; come, see His mercy.
Come find His tenderness reaching you.
Just as a mirror shows a reflection,
His Word and Spirit come, now reflecting His love.**

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**Chorus: Come and behold Him, come and behold Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
Come and behold Him; wait now before Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.**

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

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.

BOB 69 Go Out as People of God

**Chorus: Go out as people of God.
Go out as people of hope,
Go out as people renewed.
Your sins are forgiv'n,
You are made whole,
Now walk in the light of God.**

**Verse: You are the people God made as His own.
Made in His image, no longer alone.
His seal is on us, His Spirit divine,
Called to be people of God.**

**Chorus: Go out as people of God.
Go out as people of hope,
Go out as people renewed.
Your sins are forgiv'n,
You are made whole,
Now walk in the light of God.**

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