



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Presentation of Our Lord  
February 2, 2025

# Announcements for February 2, 2025

Sunday (2)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (3)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (4)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (5)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00 pm Bells
Saturday (8)	9:00-10:00 am Can/Bottle drop off in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Youth prep Pizza Rolls
Sunday (9)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream <b>Pizza Roll Pick Up after service</b> 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 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: 51 Planned Returning: \$3,319 Actual Returning: \$4,454 YTD: \$1,795**

**Youth Group Can & Bottle Drive** – please save your recyclable cans & bottles to help raise money for the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. You may drop off your cans & bottles on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 am.

**YOUTH Fundraiser** - If you would like to buy a Pizza Roll for the big game please sign up in the narthex. Cost is \$13 for cheese and \$15 for pepperoni or sausage. Pick up will be after church on February 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.

**Mark your calendars! Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Elders Breakfast following service. Please join us for a delicious scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon breakfast!**

**Save the Date! Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Trivia Night & Soup Cook Off from 6-9pm. Come for fun & fellowship. Get your groups together & sign up in the Narthex on the whiteboard. Invite your co-workers, friends, family, & neighbors. Entry to Trivia includes food (soup, rolls, cookies, & fruit) Cost is \$10 per person. Any questions, please email Wes at [wesaquice@gmail.com](mailto:wesaquice@gmail.com).**

**Youth Dinners** - Youth Group will be preparing dinner for themselves once a month. They have already started with a Taco night! If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost, it would be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Wes.

**Journeys** is a social group that meets at **2:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at The Legacy Center at Murdoch-Linwood**. Monthly programs vary from crafts to loss-centered self-care tips, seminars, workshops, and presentations by community experts. Journeys was created in order to provide support to those in our community who have experienced the loss of someone they love, with the understanding that grieving hearts need care and connection. The programs are **FREE** to all in the community, whether Murdoch Funeral Home had the privilege of serving your family, or whether your loved one was cared for by another funeral service provider. No matter if the loss you experienced was recent or years ago. Whether you choose to attend meetings regularly or only stop by every once-in-awhile, know that you will be accepted and welcomed just as you are. No two grief journeys are alike, to be sure, but no one should have to journey alone. Please contact Amy Hart with questions or more information. 319-364-1549.

**Building Healthy Families:** Big changes are happening in our world. Someone once said, “If you want to know what is happening today, read the newspaper. If you want to know what will happen tomorrow, read the Bible.” The Bible is filled with God’s own words, given to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness. Reading and studying the Bible builds faith, changes our relationships, and prepares us for life. It helps us understand who God is and who we are. It builds trust and confidence in God and His good plan for us, which is especially helpful in times when we may be feeling overwhelmed, sad, or anxious about the future and what tomorrow may bring. If you’re not reading your Bible each day, how about starting today? (John 20:31) Ask your pastor for a reading plan or check out this one online at <https://www.1517.org/oneyear>. **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

### 971 There Is a Redeemer

- 1 **There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. Refrain**
- ref **Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.**
- 2 **Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. Refrain**
- 3 **When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I’ll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. Refrain**

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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.

## Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21–28

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But 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.” <sup>23</sup>Elkanah 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. <sup>24</sup>And 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. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And 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. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore 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

<sup>14</sup>Since 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, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>18</sup>For 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



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

<sup>22</sup>When 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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now 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. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And 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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a 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.

### 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.

*Sit*

### 519 In His Temple Now Behold Him

- 1 In His temple now behold Him,  
See the long-expected Lord;  
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,  
God has now fulfilled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.
- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him,  
Virgin pure, behold Him lie  
While His aged saints adore Him  
Ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!
- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation,  
When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great salvation,  
Seal us with Your promise sure;  
And present us in Your glory  
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

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**

**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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## 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.**

## Benedicamus

**☩** Let us bless the Lord.  
**☩** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**☩** 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.  
**☩** Amen.

## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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