

Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

Announcements for November 29, 2026

Sunday (29)	**Advent 1** 8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (30)	4:30-6:00 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (1)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (2)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP UP & Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Midweek Advent Service & Live Stream
Sunday (6)	**Advent 2** 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: 52 Planned returning: $3,136 Actual returning: $780 YTD: ($28,266)

Altar flowers this week are given in celebration of John & Jan Sperry's wedding anniversary. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias to help decorate the church for our Christmas worship services. Poinsettias this year are $11 and orders are due by next Sunday, November 29th. You may pick up your poinsettia after our Christmas morning service to enjoy at home.

Christmas Wishes – During this special season of Advent preparation and anticipation of Christmas Day, we encourage you to think about those members who are less able to participate with us. Sending a Christmas greeting, giving a call to share in the excitement as we anticipate celebrating the birth of our Savor, or sharing God's love in some other way. If you would like to share a Christmas wish, there is a **GREEN SHEET** at the Welcome Desk with a list of names. Thank you!

Looking for cookies this holiday season? Join us for our Annual Cookie Walk on December 13th after worship service, before the Voters' meeting. If you would like to bake cookies, please sign up on the bulletin board. Youi can drop off your cookies on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10-11 am or before service on Dec. 13th. The youth group thanks you for your support.

Voters' Packets for the meeting on Sunday, December 13th (following worship service) are available on the Welcome Desk in the narthex. All members are invited to attend.

First Lutheran Church Presents the Lunch in the Loft Advent Concert Series. Take time for yourself to hear the music & remember the miracle. Wednesdays, 12:05-12:45 pm. December 2 – Brett & Marita Wolgast, December 9 – Roin Wagner, & ***December 16 – Jacob Sprengleler***. Bring your favorite sack lunch or take-out and enjoy free seasonal concerts provided by area musicians. Coffee, water, and cookies provided. First Lutheran 1000 3rd Ave Se Cedar Rapids.

"Into this world, the Father sent His Son to show His grace and mercy toward sinners. The truth-given in the Gospel and expressed in the Nicene Creed tells us that no light illuminates greater than God's love. And, Jesus, the Light of the World, perfectly displays love's pure light sent into our darkness." LHM "Love's Pure Light" 2026 Advent devotional booklets are available on the welcome desk in the narthex.

Building Healthy Families: Whiter Than Snow! Love it or dread it, there's something remarkable about the first snowfall of the year. Overnight, the familiar landscape is transformed by a beautiful blanket of sparkling white. Everything looks fresh, clean, and peaceful – at least until the plows or cows come through! The next time snowflakes start falling, take a moment to enjoy the view. Better yet, let that beautiful blanket of white remind you of something even more wonderful: God's amazing gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ: *"…though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."* — Isaiah 1:18 What a beautiful picture of God's grace. Through Christ, we are forgiven and made clean. Perhaps even sparkling. That's a gift worth celebrating, no matter what the weather brings. Live this week in the light of God's amazing love and forgiveness! Lutheran Family Service | www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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331 The Advent of Our King

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ **6 All glory to the Son,**
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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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 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.**

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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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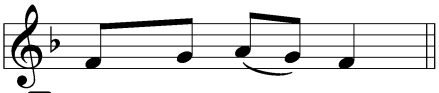
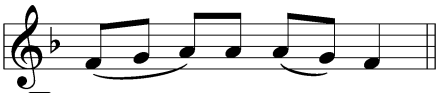
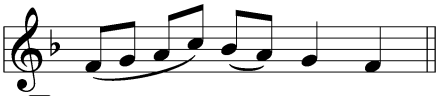
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



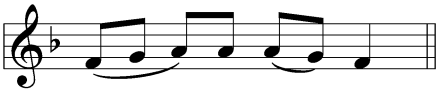
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God 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.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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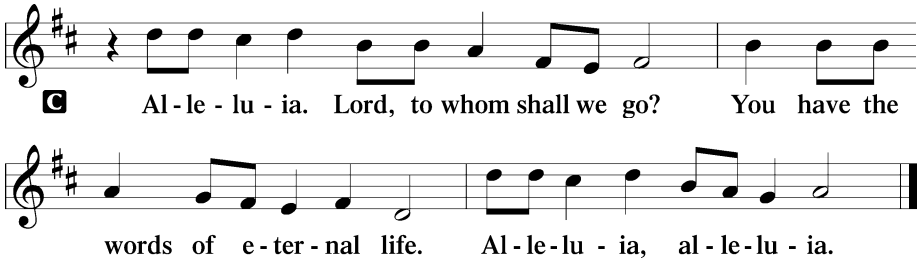

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

24 [Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the
Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that
summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I
say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or when the cock crows, or in the morning— 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say
to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

1 **Prepare the royal highway;**
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref **Hosanna to the Lord,**
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 **God's people, see Him coming:**
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 **Then fling the gates wide open**
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 **His is no earthly kingdom;**
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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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 (each petition after ends)

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

Sit

Offering

333 Once He Came in Blessing

1 **Once He came in blessing,**
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.

2 **Now He gently leads us;**
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

3 **Soon will come that hour**
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Stand

Offertory

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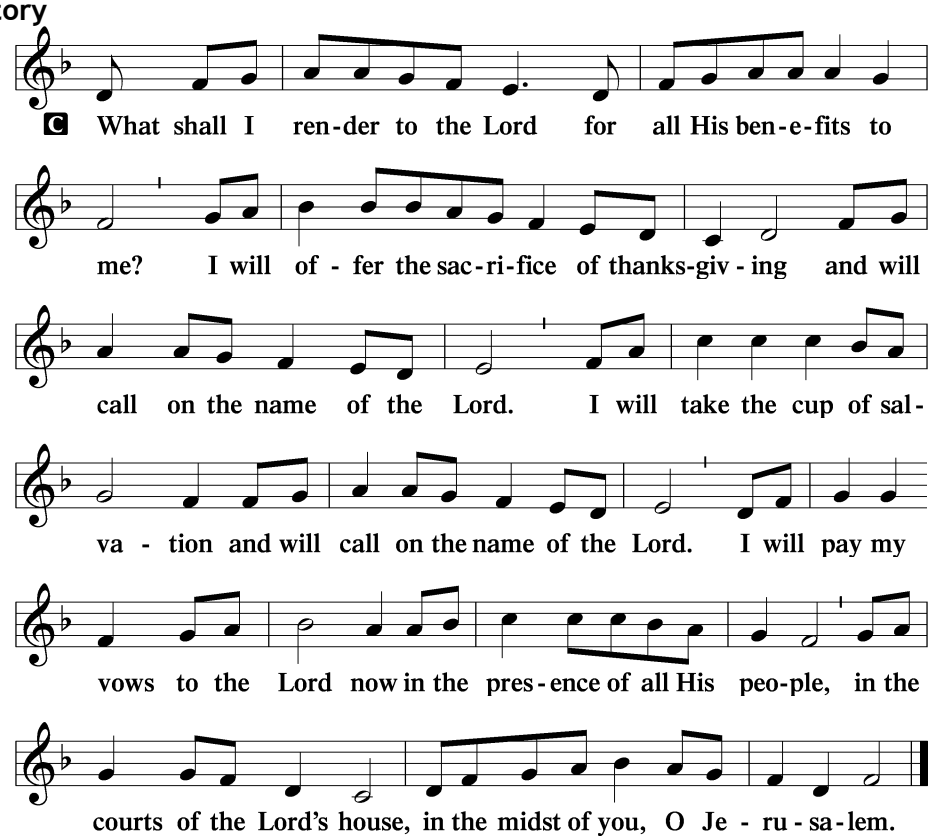

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sit

Benediction

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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.

335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

1 **O bride of Christ, rejoice;**
Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory
Foretold in sacred story. Refrain

ref **Hosanna, praise, and glory!**
Our King, we bow before Thee.

2 **Let shouts of gladness rise**
Triumphant to the skies.
Now comes the King most glorious
To reign o'er all victorious. Refrain

3 **A humble beast He rides,**
Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor,
He makes the grave surrender. Refrain

4 **The weak and timid find**
How meek He is and kind;
To them He gives a treasure
Of bliss beyond all measure. Refrain

5 **Then go thy Lord to meet;**
Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him
And honor and adore Him. Refrain

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