



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024

Announcements for December 1, 2024

Sunday (1)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream NO Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (2)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (3)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga by ZOOM 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (4)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Midweek Advent Service
Sunday (8)	Poinsettia Orders Due 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 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:46 Planned Returning: \$2,806 Actual Returning: \$7,289 YTD: (\$19,584)

Let's go shopping! October 13—December 31 The Women's Bible Study is sponsoring a food gathering project. Every 2 weeks we will identify a new item to shop for to help fill a pantry shelf at a local food bank. At the end of the year, we will deliver our collection to a food bank to start off the new year with a good supply. Simply bring in your items as you purchase them and place them in the food box outside the church office (under the Youth bulletin board). You may also choose to donate funds, and we will do the shopping. Please drop those off to Kathy in the church office. **November 24th – December 7th we are collecting boxed meals (like Hamburger Helper)**

The holiday season is upon us, and we are asking members and friends of our congregation to help decorate the church for this holy season. You may assist by purchasing a poinsettia. They will be delivered for you and used in decorating the church until the conclusion of our Christmas morning worship, at which time you may pick yours up and enjoy them in your home. To take part in this tradition please fill out the order form and return it to the church. Forms may be picked up at the counter in the narthex of the church. **Please place your order forms along with your payment in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or turn them into the office, no later than December 8th.** The cost of each poinsettia this year is only \$10.00. **Thank you!**

Please join us for Midweek Advent Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on December 4, 11, and 18.

Christmas Cookie Walk - If you enjoy baking, please sign up to bring your favorite cookies! The Cookie Walk benefits the youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering next summer. If you plan on baking, please drop your cookies off on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am – noon in the church kitchen. The Cookie Walk will take place on Sunday, December 15th. Bakers can sign up on the bulletin board.

Please join us for Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 pm & Christmas Day Worship on Wednesday, December 25th at 8:30 am.

First Lutheran Church presents "Lunch in the Loft" Concert Series Wednesdays, 12:05-12:45 pm, December 4th, 11th, & 18th. Come and enjoy free Advent and Christmas concerts provide by area church musicians. (Our own Jacob Sprengeler will be performing on December 11th) Bring your lunch or favorite take-out and enjoy music for the seasons. Coffee, water, and cookies provided.

Reminder – there is a Voters' meeting for all members of Concordia on Sunday, December 15th. Voter packets are available at the welcome desk in the narthex. Everyone is encouraged to attend if you are able.

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339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors

- 1 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors,
And weep no more!
O Zion's daughter, sing,
To greet your coming King;
Now wave the victor's palm
And sing the ancient psalm:
"Lift up your heads, you everlasting gates!"
Your King awaits!
- 2 Who is this King of great and glorious fame?
What is His name?
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Of whom the prophets wrote,
Whose chosen, humble steed
Declares Him king indeed!
Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save
From sin and grave.
- 3 Who may ascend Mount Zion's holy hill
To do God's will?
The One whose unstained hands
Can meet the Law's demands,
Whose purity within
Reveals One free from sin.
Come, praise this King who claims the cross as throne—
Praise Him alone!
- 4 "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain
Now lives to reign.
He rules our earthly ways
As Lord of Ancient Days—
O join the endless song
Sung by the ransomed throng:
"Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb be praised again!
Amen! Amen!

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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.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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.



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.



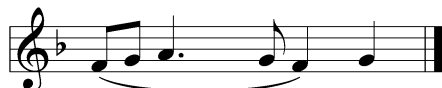
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

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

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

“Blessing” *Christina Johnson & Charlene Parks*

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 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: **C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are: words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone

asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father’s Son
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.
By Your mighty pow’r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Sermon

Stand

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)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

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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Stand

Offertory

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C 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

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

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.

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

- 2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.**
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.**
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.**
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.**
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.**

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