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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
December 21, 2025  
Pastor Samuel Scheltens

**Greetings in Christ, and welcome to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church!**

If you are visiting us for the first time or have not before received Communion from Pastor Scheltens, please speak to Pastor before approaching the altar for the first time.

**DIVINE SERVICE III (LSB 184)**

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**HYMN OF INVOCATION: 332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME**

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

**INVOCATION**

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

*Confession and Absolution*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**C Amen.**

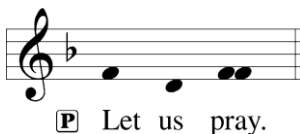
## INTROIT – TONE F

## KYRIE

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 18:15–19*

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And

whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL – TONE F

*Psalm 145:18, 21*



The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*

to all who call on | him in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4–7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:19–28*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
 dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

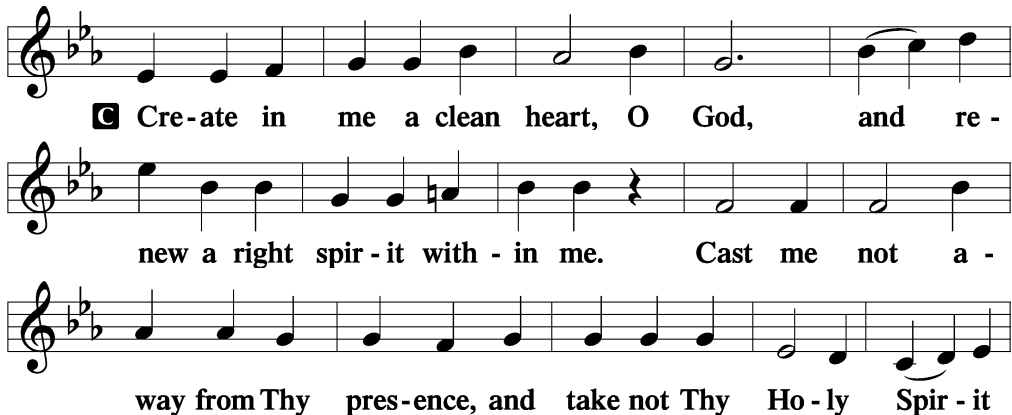
HYMN OF THE DAY: 357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

SERMON

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it".

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

## *Service of the Sacrament*

### PREFACE

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

- C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

- C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# SANCTUS

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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## PAX DOMINI

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

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*Everyone who eats the Lord's Supper here, where Christ gives us His Body and His Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the nourishing of our faith, confesses that they are in full agreement with what we teach and believe here at Concordia.*

*Concordia is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and so those who are members in good standing of another church in the Missouri Synod or another body in fellowship with it are welcome to eat and drink the Supper with us here today after speaking with Pastor.*

*If you are not a member of a Missouri Synod congregation, you are always welcome to hear God's Word with us, and you may still come forward and receive a blessing from Pastor; please cross your arms so Pastor and other communion assistants know that you are just visiting us today.*

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## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 334 O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 737 REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING**

*Stand*

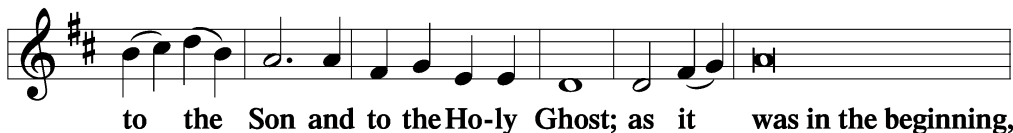
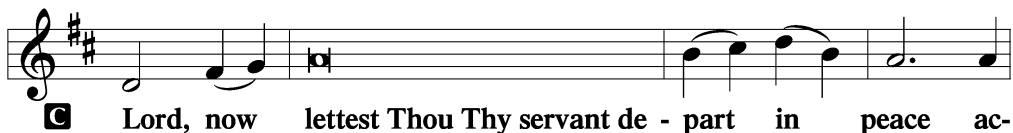
## THE DISMISSAL

*LSB 199*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

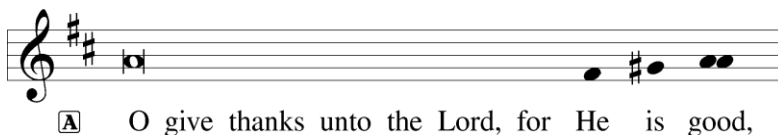
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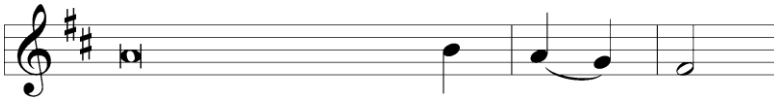
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# THANKSGIVING

LSB 200





**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God...

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION

201



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



## HYMN TO DEPART: 406 TO JORDAN CAME THE CHRIST, OUR LORD

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## **Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements December 21, 2025**

**Thrivent Action Teams** are still needed this year. If you are a Thrivent member, you likely have FREE Action Teams which can be \$250 to sponsor an event. Events we're looking for sponsors include: Advent Dinners (December), Christmas Cookie Exchange (December), Preschool Christmas Gifts (December), and Preschool Program Reception (December). If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to sponsor one of these events, let Sarah Shadday [sarah.shadday@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:sarah.shadday@concordia-lcms.com) or 314-330-3782 know and she can help with the forms.

Bring in your Mites for Missions in December.

The first quarter (Jan-Mar, 2026) **Portals of Prayer** and **Hope-Full Living** are now available in the narthex.

The altar flowers are in memory of Penelope and provided by the Lannings.

## Last Sunday - Dec 14, 2025

Last Week	Time	Worship Attendance
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	48
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	9
<b>Wed.</b>	6:30 PM	

Operating Budget Offering	<b>\$5,297.36</b>
YTD Unified Budget Offerings	<b>\$306,444.10</b>
2025 Operating YTD needed for Budget (\$6,855.00 weekly)	<b>\$335,625.00</b>
2025 Annual Budget	<b>\$356,450.00</b>

<b>Birthdays (this week):</b>	<b>Wedding Anniversaries (this week):</b> <b>Years</b>
Tinsley, Adele 12/24 Ragsdale, Kris 12/27	Marvin & Linda Barks 62 12/28

## THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Dec 21	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 5:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Daisy Girl Scout Meeting
Dec 22	Monday	6:30p	Divine Worship
Dec 23	Tuesday		
Dec 24	Wed.	6:30p 11:00p	Christmas Eve Vespers Christmas Eve Midnight (Divine Service)
Dec 25	Thurs.	9:30a	Christmas Day Divine Worship
Dec 26	Friday		
Dec 27	Saturday	10:00a	Overeaters Anonymous
Dec 28	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

## Prayers & Intercessions (Matthew 8:17)

### Concordia Members

#### Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Philip Caruana 12/3/25
- Craig Smith 9/30/25
- Jim Lanning 9/29/25
- Betty Economou 9/22/25
- Lynda Martin 6/16/25
- Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22



#### Friends of Concordia

- Chuck Buth 9/23/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

#### Battling Cancer / MS

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

#### Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State St  
Ball Brothers 125, Franklin IN 46131
- Ginny Emmons, 581 Cielo Vista Dr,  
Greenwood, IN 46143
- Phillis Infante, 1501 S Meridian St  
Apt 139, Indianapolis, IN 46225

- Pat Barnes, 2339 S 135, Rm 308,  
Greenwood, IN 46143
- Peter Economou, 1680 Vidalia Ct,  
Greenwood, IN 46143
- Mary Spray, 1708 N Franklin Rd,  
Greenwood, IN 46143
- James Lanning, 1134 Barcelona Dr,  
Greenwood, IN 46143
- Donna Cummings, 7525 N 875 W,  
Indianapolis, IN 46259

#### Military Servicemen & women

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National  
Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137  
Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail,  
Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy  
Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166  
Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)
- PFC Macy Ranbarger (MCAS New  
River, NC)
- Airman 1st Class, Alexander J.  
Economou, Air Natl Guard, Ft.  
Wayne, IN

Note: Please provide updates to office for additions and removals to the "Prayers & Intercessions" listing.

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#### Pastor Scheltens' Office Hours:

Mon and Wed mornings - By appointment  
Tues and Thurs mornings - Available for walk-ins  
Afternoons - open for visits

**Pastoral Care:** call Pastor Sam Scheltens at 309-824-5903, email [pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com)

