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February 8, 2026  
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: 586 PREACH YOU THE WORD**

*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.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.

### *Service of the Word*

#### INTROIT – TONE B

*Psalm 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a*

**P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?\*  
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!  
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\*  
Rise up; come | to our help!

**C** O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*  
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:  
you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\*  
you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes\*  
and have put to shame those who | hate us.  
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\*  
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

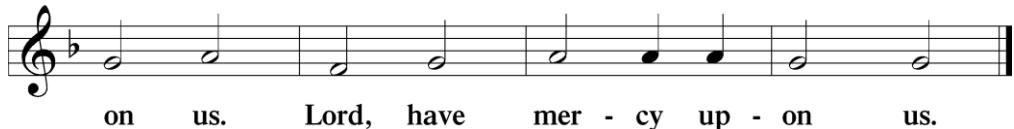
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Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!  
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\*  
Rise up; come | to our help!

#### KYRIE

*LSB 186*



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

## GRADUAL – TONE B

*Psalm 83:18, 13*

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,\*  
are the Most High over | all the earth.  
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,\*  
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9*

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in

order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## TRACT – TONE B

*Psalm 60:1–2, 5*

**O** God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses;\*  
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.

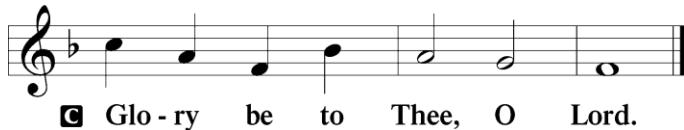
**Y**ou have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open;\*  
repair its breaches, for it | totters.

**T**hat your beloved ones may be de- | livered,\*  
give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 8:4–15*

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



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

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 823 MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE**

**SERMON**

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

192

C Create 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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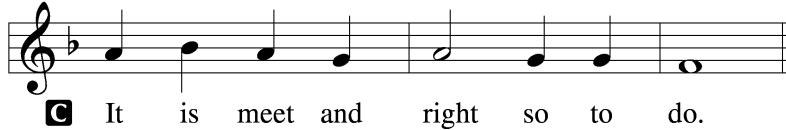
**P** The Lord be with you.

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.*

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*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: 790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS**

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**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.

**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 <sup>†</sup> give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**HYMN TO DEPART: 655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements

### February 8, 2026

**CALL FOR PALMS** - If you have a palm from last Palm Sunday, bring it to Pastor so he can use it to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them by February 15 at the latest.

**Game Nights** at Concordia. From 5:30pm-8:30pm on February 20th, March 27th, and April 17th, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for talking, games, and a light dinner. We'll have Costco pot pie, rotisserie chicken, and salad for dinner (starting at 6pm). All are welcome to come and participate. People are welcome to bring extra games, snacks, and drinks to share.

**EARLY Registration** for Concordia Lutheran Preschool began on Monday, January 20th. Those who register by March 1st receive a discounted registration of \$90. After March 1st, registration goes to \$115. Tuition for PreK is \$175/month (10 months) and 3's is \$125/month (10 months). Call, text, or email Sarah Shadday if you are interested in our Preschool ministry. 314-330-3782 or [Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com)

**Right To Life - Euchre tournament** Saturday, February 28 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cost to enter is a package of diapers to be donated to our local pregnancy centers. First prize is \$200, runner-up is \$100. Come with a partner or get matched up with someone there. Coffee and donuts provided.

Our Mission for **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** has changed due to complications of sending money to TUZLA. We have decided to use the Pennies from Heaven for **Isaiah 117 House**. This will help them take care of children waiting for Foster Care placement. For more information you can check out their website at: [www.isaiah117house.com](http://www.isaiah117house.com)

The ladies of Christ Noblesville invite you to a retreat "Hymns with Luther and Friends" on March 7. See LWCC board for details.

Ladies:

- Sign up on the LWCC bulletin board to provide our Ash Wednesday casserole supper on Feb 18.
- Personal Care Kits for Missions items may be donated during Lent.
- Feb. 14 Mission Morning: Quilt tying.
- Thank you for the socks! We gave a huge bag of new socks to *Isaiah 117 House*.

Jackie Denton would like to thank the congregation for the nice cards that she received during her recent sickness.

The altar flowers provided in honor of Rick and Linda Snyder's 54th Wedding Anniversary.

Please pray for Ray Everson, who fell and broke his hip on 2/4/26 and went through surgery 2/5/26.

Please keep the family of Dr. Theodore X. Economou in your prayers. He passed away Wednesday, January 28, at age 97. He is the brother of Dick Economou.

## Last Sunday - Feb 1, 2026

Last Week	Time	Worship Attendance	Operating Budget Offering	\$5,335.00
Sunday	9:30 AM	73	YTD Unified Budget Offerings	\$15,460.02
Monday	6:30 AM	7	2026 Operating YTD needed for Budget (\$7,133.00 weekly)	\$27,698.00
			2026 Annual Budget	\$370,900.00

Birthdays (this week):		Wedding Anniversaries (this week): Years
Reinke, Jeff	2/9	
Williams, Rachel (Wilson)	2/9	
Sullivan, Diana	2/10	
Hassel, Deb	2/10	
Ford, Heidi	2/11	

## THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Feb 8	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Feb 9	Monday	6:30p	Divine Worship
Feb 10	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Feb 11	Wed.		
Feb 12	Thurs.	6:00a	Men's Bible Study
Feb 13	Friday		
Feb 14	Saturday	9:00a 10:00a	Quilting Overeaters Anonymous
Feb 15	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

- Ray Everson 2/5/26
- 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

- Rick Wildrick 2/3/26
- 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

### Military Servicemen & women

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LT Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LT)
- 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

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