



Concordia Lutheran Church
January 2, 2022
Second Sunday of Christmas
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(we stand)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God in the highest!

And on earth peace, good will toward all.

We praise thee, we worship thee, and we glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

For you are holy. You are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (Green Hymnal) # 60

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(then the children 2 years old to 2nd grade may attend Children's Church)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king {Solomon} went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day." ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.

⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:97-104 **(read responsively)**

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!
all the day long it is in my mind.
⁹⁸**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.**

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.
¹⁰⁰**I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.**

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
¹⁰²**I do not shrink from your judgments,
because you yourself have taught me.**

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
¹⁰⁴**Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Ephesians 1:3-14**

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(we stand)

GOSPEL**Luke 2:40-52**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

(we sit)

SERMON

"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing"

Rev. Ken Reed

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED

(after each petition)

God of all grace, we ask you for mercy.

Yes, Lord. Restore us and make us whole.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

OFFERING

HYMN (Green Hymnal) #50

"Angels from the Realms of Glory "

(we stand)

DOXOLOGY (sung by the congregation)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY & LORD'S PRAYER

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus. As you have blessed us with your gifts of grace, receive the gifts we offer you this morning. May all the world shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us. And grant us peace. Amen.

(we sit)

COMMUNION HYMN (Celebration Hymnal) # 581 **"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus "**

(we stand)

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

O Lord, we give you thanks and praise for this sacrament. Strengthen us by the power of this gift, your heavenly food. Through it, may we all be healed and filled with faith and hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN (Celebration Hymnal) # 597 **"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"**

BENEDICTION & SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Jan. 2, 2022

185 Concordia Church Rd
China Grove, NC 28023



Activities & Events

Sunday, January 2

8:30am Worship
9:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Wednesday, January 5

6:15pm Executive Committee Meeting (Youth Building)

Thursday, January 6

7:00pm Epiphany of Our Lord Worship Service

Sunday, January 9

7:00am Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:30am Worship
9:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00-4:00pm Blood Drive
2:00pm Audit Committee Meeting (Youth Building)
5:00-6:30pm Youth meeting (Sanctuary)
6:00pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 16 Confirmation Sunday

8:30am Worship
9:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 19

6:30pm Mutual Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Sunday, January 23

8:30am Worship
9:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Choir Practice

Office Hours

Pastor

Tuesday through Sunday

Rev. Kenneth W. Reed Jr.

(Monday, day off)

Administrative Assistant

Monday through Thursday

Debby Isenhour

8:00am - 12:00pm

This Week's Offerings and Tithes

December 26, 2021

Needed weekly to cover 2021 budget: \$0.00

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>
8:30am Worship Service	41	
11:00am Worship Service	87	
Christmas Eve	214	
Sunday School	70	\$ 48.00
General Fund		\$ 6,112.00
General Fund-Online		\$ 3,870.11
Building & Improvement		\$ 120.00
Music Ministry		\$ 20.00
Specials and Memorials		\$ 1,258.00
Good Shepherd		\$ 0.00
Women's Ministry		\$ 0.00
Bus Fund		\$ 0.00

Received Year to Date	\$ 377,919.83
Needed Year to Date	\$ 363,119.12
	\$ 14,800.71

This Week's Birthdays

David Fesperman 1/3
Clay Bost 1/6
Kenneth Bost 1/6

Today's Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Concordia's Ministry Team

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980-621-3434

Mike Ashley

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Concordia Prayer Partners

Members at home and special concerns

Martha Baker	Barbara Karriker	Jack Owens
Kess Beaver	Coyt Karriker	Judy Ritchie
Phyllis Beaver	Hoke Karriker	April Roberts
Bill & Hazel Cline	Peggy Karriker	Joan Ritchie
Harold Cline	R. Preston Karriker	Boyd Smith, Sr.
Steve Ellsworth	Richard Karriker	Zach Smith
Frankie Freeze	Coleen Kerr	Henry Starnes
Mabel Galloway	Sue Lyerly	Becky Waller
Mary Ann	Tony Menius	Jettie Wise
Hammonds	Comeleta Overcash	
Leila Hobbs	Tabatha Overcash	
Jim Howell	Mary Ruth Owens	

Please email or call the office if you want to have a name added or removed from this prayer list.

Active Military

Jason Ciscel

(Staff Sgt. US Air Force, Fairbanks, AK, Husband of Teresa Rosas Ciscel)

Willis Hobbs

(Sargent US Army, Camp Casey, S Korea)

Stephanie Lumpkin

(Sgt. US Marine Band, San Diego, CA)

Christopher Overcash

(US Army, 2nd Lt., Fort Gordon, GA)

Kim & Matt Gordon

(Captains in the US Army and husband and wife. Fort Bragg, NC. Cousins of Leslie Reed)

Family & Friends

Contact the church office to extend a name on this list beyond 60 days.

Summer Black	11/7/21
Donald Bostian <i>(Friend of Bill Waller)</i>	1/2/22
Ryan Brooks	11/14/21
Morgan Brown	
Leigh Ann Burleson	11/7/21
Joe Christy <i>(Friend of Bo Bost)</i>	12/12/21
Jasmine Crawford	12/12/21
Sherry Earnhardt	12/5/21
Kathryn Morrison Berry Edwards	11/7/21
Loren Edwards	12/1/21
Will Fesperman <i>(Ben Fesperman's brother)</i>	11/14/21
Vickie Gaultney	11/7/21
Linda Hardison	11/7/21
Charlene Henderson	11/7/21
Gene Hobbs <i>(Husband of Leila Hobbs)</i>	11/7/21
Christy Honeycutt	11/28/21
David Miller <i>(Friend of Nancy & Becky Karriker)</i>	12/5/21
Doris Mellon	1/2/22
Shelly Newman	11/7/21
Reagan Oliphant	11/7/21
Tina Overcash <i>(Daughter of Zinda and Ivan Nesbitt)</i>	11/7/21
Joyce Patterson	12/26/21
Stacy Ponder <i>(Sister-in-law of Scott Overcash)</i>	12/5/21
Joyce Poovey <i>(Sister of Barbara Beaver)</i>	12/26/21
Wayne and Brenda Reed <i>(Pastor Ken's parents)</i>	11/14/21
Kimberly Sikes	11/14/21
Morgan Utley <i>(Granddaughter of Ivan and Zinda Nesbitt)</i>	11/7/21
Bruce Walker	12/19/21
Rev. Libby Yoler	11/14/21

Christian sympathies to the families of:

Dustin Karriker	1/2/22
RT Dixon III	1/2/22
Martha Earnhardt	1/2/22

In-Patient, Recovery and Assisted Care

Judy Curlee	<i>(Crescent Heights, Concord)</i>
Gail Fisher	<i>(Brookdale Assisted Living, Salisbury)</i>
Jeffrey Roberts	<i>(Deal Care Inn, Mooresville)</i>
Duane Wood	<i>(Deal Care Inn, Mooresville)</i>

8:30 am Worship Service in January

<u>Ushers & Greeters</u>	<i>Daniel Overcash</i>		
<u>Lay Reader</u>	<i>Jeanette Diekman</i> <i>(Jan 2 & 9)</i>		
<u>Acolyte</u>	<i>MaryLynn Overcash</i>	<u>Bible Bearer</u>	<i>AnnaMarie Overcash</i>
<u>Banner Bearer</u>		<u>Crucifer</u>	

11:00 am Worship Service in January

Ushers: *Nathan Wells (Head Usher) Omar Williams, Jenni Ritchie, Johnny Karriker, Derry Brown*

<u>Elevator</u>	<i>Jason Ritchie</i>	<u>Announcements</u>	<i>Lisa Adams</i>
<u>Lay reader</u>	<i>Kitty Ernst</i>	<u>Council Member</u>	<i>Lisa Adams</i>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<i>Audrey Faggart</i>	<u>Bible Bearer</u>	<i>Hoke Faggart</i>
<u>Crucifer</u>	<i>Abby Faggart</i>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>	<i>Ty Lowery</i>

	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Front Porch Visits</u>
Jan 2		<i>Christy Yost</i>	<i>Mike & Lisa Ashley</i>
Jan 9	<i>Jan Williams</i>	<i>Jill Sellers</i>	<i>Mike and Susanne Bebber</i>
Jan 16	<i>Zinda Nesbitt</i>	<i>Jill Sellers</i>	<i>Gary and Robin McLaughlin</i>
Jan 23	<i>Zinda Nesbitt</i>	<i>Che Morrison</i>	<i>Bill and Connie Cagle</i>
Jan 30		<i>Lisa Ashley</i>	<i>Kathy Blalock</i>

Communion Servers in January

8:30am

Jan 2	<i>Charles/Kim Starnes</i>
Jan 9	
Jan 23	

11:00am

<i>Jason/Ashley Fisher, Delana Davis, Leslie/Jack Reed</i>
<i>Tony Brown, Omar Williams, Kenny/Melinda Dabbs, Miriam Lowery</i>
<i>Jason/Ashley Fisher, Delana Davis, Leslie/Jack Reed</i>

View Concordia's 11:00 AM Services at

www.youtube.com/ConcordiaLutheran1

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North American Lutheran Church
www.thenalc.org

NALC - Carolinas Mission District
www.carolinasnalc.org
carolinaslutheranwomen.org

CONCORDIA'S WEBSITE
www.concordia-lutheran.org

CONCORDIA'S E-MAIL ADDRESS
concordia185@gmail.com

WELCOME to those visiting with us today:

Please take a moment to sign the pew register book located at the end of the pew, so we can welcome you by name.

Thank you for choosing Concordia as your place of worship this morning. We are glad to have you here!

JAN WORSHIP/MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

are in today's bulletin and on the church website.

MONTHLY COUNCIL MINUTES are emailed each month to members, available on the church website and on the table beside the elevator.

PEW REGISTERS: Church records are important for our church history. Please complete the pew register book located at the end of the pew & pass it down the pew.

2022 FLOWER CHART is now on the bulletin board in the FLC. Please contact Hilda Goodnight 704-433-8127.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES for 2022 – join Concordia's 8:30 worship service! Volunteer to serve as ushers/greeters, worship and Communion assistants. Contact Sheri Foster at sfffoster002@yahoo.com or 980.234.0350

IT'S TIME FOR GIRLS SCOUT COOKIES!

With covid cases on the rise again with the new variant, we will be doing virtual sales again this year in order to respect our neighbor's space. This year there are 2 options to get your cookie fix. You can email me your order at Reaganwaller05@gmail.com or my online store at <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/reagan419318>

This is my last year selling cookie so stock up! We have a new cookie this year called Adventurefuls. They are a brownie type cookie drizzled with caramel!! Give them a try! They are all \$5 a box with the exception of the gluten free cookies which are \$6. Cookies will be here in early February. Don't need or want the calories? You can always donate cookies to our Troops and to local non-profits. We will take care of getting them there! Thank you in advance for supporting the Concordia Girl Scouts and myself for the last 12 years. We have had many adventures and tried many new things because of cookie sales. Reagan Waller



Here Comes the Judges

A Bible study on Local Leaders in the Old Testament book of Judges (by Pastor Ken)

Thursday nights @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10

INTERESTED IN JOINING CONCORDIA? Or, learning more about Concordia? Or, are you a member and would like to learn more about being a Lutheran-Christian? Pastor Ken will be leading a class called "Christian First, Lutheran Second." More details are on the way. Also, if you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Ken for more details. kenreed803@gmail.com

TIME TO UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Please contact the church office at concordia185@gmail.com or 704-857-2163, if you have changed in the last year:

- ⇒ Your mailing address
- ⇒ Your phone number
- ⇒ Your email address

THANK YOU. Duane Wood and Jeffery Roberts want to thank our Family of Faith for the very nice gift. You are very special to us!! Hope you all have a Happy New Year!

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE in memory of Jo Starnes and Jimmy Ritchie will be January 9 from 12-4pm in the FLC.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Volunteers needed

There is a sign up sheet for on the bulletin board by the

AUDIT COMMITTEE will meet on January 9th at 2:00pm in the youth basement to review all the Church's financial statements. Treasurers please have your records (bank statements, receipts and invoices) available for review. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Lisa Ashley (704-699-2250) know.

YOUTH MEETING on January 9th from 5:00-6:30 pm for KFC and Luther League.

Today we will return to using pew hymnbooks.

Today is the last day to return Advent Sharing Boxes.