

**NOVEMBER**



## **Concordia Lutheran Church**

**"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"**

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To the saints of Concordia Lutheran Church: Grace and peace to you in King Jesus!

As I write this – like you – I am waiting to hear the various results of this season's election cycle. I am hoping against hope that I hear, "the vote is in, Jesus is elected." You know as well as I know that we will never hear such a statement. Yet, we cannot overlook Jesus' declaration that "all authority in the heavens and on the earth has been given to Me." I take note of two parts of this final statement:

First, Jesus says "all." In this case, "all" means "ALL." Nothing is left out. Everything is included. The Lord Jesus – and here "Lord" means "Master" and "King" – holds all authority in the heavens and on the earth.

Second, this ALL-encompassing authority has been "given" to Him. The idea is that this authority belonged to Another who possesses it and who freely gave it to Jesus. There was no "election" in our understanding of the term, only "selection" on the part of the One who willingly gives it to Whom He chooses. Why was Jesus selected? Jesus is given all authority in the heavens and on the earth because He freely and willingly laid down His life for the sinful world, making possible the forgiveness of Sin, bringing Peace between God and His creation, establishing His Kingdom on earth, etc. Jesus is the Ruler and Leader that I want.

For now, once the election results are certified as final, I suspect there will be some of us who will celebrate and some who will mourn. Over the years, I have observed that in every election, those who cheer for a particular candidate feel like it is closed curtains for the free world when their candidate loses. Those on the winning side feel the opposite. To both mourning Christians and celebrating Christians, I wish to remind you that no elected official ever brought in the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus ... and never will.

So, whether you celebrate or mourn, here is the reality: as a follower of Jesus the Christ, you are part of an embassy of a radically different empire with a radically different kind of politics. You belong to a Kingdom that is not from this planet – one which demands your full allegiance, total passion, and very life. This Kingdom is the only one that seeks justice, beauty, freedom, truth, power, spirituality, and relationships that will lead to human flourishing and cultural transformation ... on earth.

As ambassadors of God's kingdom, we can rest assured that everything is under the authority of the Lord Jesus. Whether you are in abject fear or delightful relief with your newly elected officials, the Lord calls us all to touch the Throne of the Living God on their behalf:

*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.*  
(1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Notice the prayer here. It is not that the elected leaders of the world will transform the culture to make it obey God. The prayer is simply that political authorities at every level will allow we Christians to live "quietly and peaceably" for our Lord, in all godliness and reverence. This is what I will be looking for as we move forward under the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

### **Happy November Birthdays**

11/01 Chris Duryea

11/03 Joanne Boomgarden

11/19 Laura Rende

11/28 Mark Bollmann

11/01 Bob Knapp

11/05 Jack Craig

11/21 Suzanne Holm

11/30 Katie Riemenschneider

### **Happy November Anniversary**

11/11 Bob & Linda Knapp

## Ministry Openings

**Altar Guild:** We have openings in the Altar Guild Schedule for 2021. If you would like to be a part of preparing for Communion on Sundays, please let us know.

**Worship Computer:** If you enjoy working with computers and technology we would love to have you join the worship computer team!

If either of these sounds like your place to serve, please call or email:  
970-879-0175  
concordia@steamboatlutheran.com

## Diapers for Selah Moms

**Selah is in need of Diapers!**

**They have run out of several sizes and are in need of more. If you would like to donate they are in need of all sizes but specifically sizes 4 and 5 and wipes.**

**You can bring them by the church.**



The Mission of **Operation Christmas Child** is to demonstrate **God's love** in a tangible way to **children in need** around the world and to share the **Good News of Jesus Christ**.

Please bring the filled boxes back before  
**Sunday Nov. 22nd.**

## Save the Dates

**Men's Night Out:** Monday, Nov. 30th at 5pm @ Dude & Dans

**Ladies Luncheon:** Monday, Nov. 30th at 11:30am @ The Egg

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Wednesday, Nov. 25th

**Advent Services:** Wednesdays on Dec 2nd, 9th and 16th.

**Christmas Eve Services:** Thursday, Dec. 24th



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**4 Day Weekend Retreat!**



**CABIN stay in the Rocky ...**

Join people from all over the country to hear and see how God is blessing and moving through Mission Experience. There will be auction items available such as a week at a ski in/ski out Condo in Vail, four days at a large cabin near Fairplay CO and a Lakehouse in WI. To view the items and bid please go to:

<https://www.32auctions.com/MEAuction2020>  
Starting Nov. 9th.



**Saturday, Nov. 14th at 5:00 PM PT,  
6:00 PM Mtn, 7:00 PM CST and 8:00  
PM EST.**

Type in the Zoom link -

<http://bit.ly/MissionExperienceBanquet>

or use Meeting ID: 879 8268 1832  
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