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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*"Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near."*

Luke 21:28b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 733

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

but my words will not pass away.

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O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation,

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (ESV)

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:5-36 (ESV)

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, He said, *"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."* And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, *"See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."*

Then He said to them, *"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."*

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

And He told them a parable: *"Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Handbells will ring "You Are My All in All" during the gathering of offerings.

Today in Sunday School our children will study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God. This week, as you Grow in Christ during your family devotion time, read the list of blessings in the explanation of the First Article and identify the ones God provides especially through faithful Christian spouses. Thank God for the salvation He provides through His Son, Jesus.

Voters Meeting is this morning after worship. Among the items of business will be election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2011 budget.



Christmas Basket Silent Auction will be held again this year. The auction will start November 14th and end December 19th. Please bring your baskets to the church before the 14th and leave them on the table in the fellowship hall.

Calendar Addition: Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Knife River Care Center Tuesday, November 16, 10:15 a.m.

"You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 24th, 6:30 p.m.



Church Cancellation: In the event that worship services or other activities need to be cancelled, especially due to weather, please check the church's website, www.concordiabeulah.org. We will also send out an email notification when worship is cancelled for those members who have provided us an email address. You should also be able to call the church, 873-4388, and receive an update.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 25 from 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 th Street NW, Beulah. Everyone is welcome. Please call the church office at 873-4397 by Monday, November 22nd if you have more than 5 in your group, if you need a ride to dinner or would like a meal delivered.

Thrivent items on the table in the fellowship hall are free for the taking.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick and recovering: Marilyn Helm, Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel;

† Justin & Lacy Korbyn, on the birth of a daughter, Kenzie Violet;

† Rev. Matthew Thompson, installed today as pastor of Holy Cross Church, Bismarck.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 85 Offerings: \$2,308.50

Laziness is not a trait of a true Christian steward! 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 states rather clearly that anyone who is not willing to do honest work does not deserve to eat! We, on the other hand, work for our daily bread because it is the right and godly thing for Christian stewards to do.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Voters Meeting
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild

Tuesday 10:15 am Holy Communion @ KRCC
2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
5:45 pm Chime Practice
6:30 pm Bell Practice

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Mission Update
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours

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*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.
The cards should be filled out whether or not you attend Communion.
Place completed cards in the collection plate.
Thank you.*