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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*He is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for all live to Him.*

Luke 20:38

Divine Service Setting One

Entrance Hymn # 594

Holy Baptism p. 268

Introit

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

Why should the nations say,

“Where is their God?”

Our God is in the heavens;

he does all that he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold,

the work of human hands.

Those who make them become like them;

so do all who trust in them.

The dead do not praise the Lord,

nor do any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

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.

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Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 (ESV)

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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 2:1-8, 13-17 (ESV)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 20:27-40 (ESV)

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked Him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the

man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

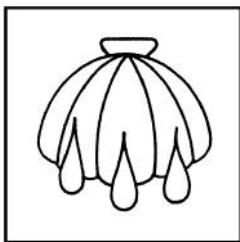
And Jesus said to them, *"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him."* Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

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| Hymn of the Day | # 748 |
| Sermon | Laws and Lawlessness |
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| Offering | |
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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 2nd 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 returns, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

This morning, we rejoice that Tayton John Neuberger, the son of John & Shantel Neuberger, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Tayton is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. "[God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)."



"Lost Books?": After worship this morning, we begin a new Bible study, "Lost Books?". Our study will look at why the 66 books of the Bible are considered the inerrant Word of God, a trustworthy cover-to-cover revelation from God to man. And, why other texts, such as those made popular by *The Da Vinci Code*, are not part of the Bible.

Carpeting: The new carpet is installed in the social hall. The family of Concordia says a huge "Thank You" to all who worked to remove the old carpeting and move furnishings! Thank you, too, to all who have generously given to pay for the new carpet. About \$15,500 has been committed to the cost of the carpet.

Approximately another \$7,500 needs to be received to pay for the carpet.

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Voters Meeting is Sunday, November 17th, following worship. Among items of business will be election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2014 budget. The nominations for Church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Unapproved minutes from the February 24th voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, September council minutes, Pray for Us calendar and *Happy Times* for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



Baby Shower: A baby shower for Tayton Neuberger, son of John & Shantel Neuberger, has been scheduled for Sunday, November 17th, 2:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship hall. The entire congregation is invited to attend the shower to welcome Tayton into the Family of Concordia.

“Thank you” Aloha Simenson, Cheryl Wiedrich and Jean Bornemann for providing bars last Sunday.

“Thank you” to everyone who helped take care of the flowers in front of the Church this past summer. It took many hours of work and the beauty of the flowers was evidence that many of you really cared.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn’s grandfather) & Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell’s brother;

† Tayton, baptized today;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;

† Tiffany Scherer & Nikki Stevens, as they serve in Kenya as part of an LCMS Medical Missionary Team.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Offerings: \$3,964.00

“Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.” We are people of the Resurrection. We know our future. And this knowledge colors all our actions in this world. Since we know we are destined to live in God’s kingdom forever, what kind of lives ought we to live? Where should our priorities be?

† This Week at Concordia †

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| Sunday | 8:30 am | Divine Service |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 11:00 am | <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> |
| Tuesday | 10:15 am | Communion @ Knife River Care Center |
| | 1:30 pm | Naomi Guild |
| Wednesday | 3:30 pm | 1 st -year Catechism |
| | 4:30 pm | 2 nd -year Catechism |
| | 7:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm | Handchime Practice |
| | 7:30 pm | Handbell Practice |
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| | 9:30 am | Sunday School/Voters Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> |
| | 2:00 pm | Neuberger Baby Shower |

Church Office Hours

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We are the North Dakota District...

Today wraps up a Synod-wide conference in St. Louis on Disaster Relief. Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a heart for mercy care, especially in time of crisis. Our Synod, in her “Life Together,” sent almost three quarters of a million dollars to Hope Village in Minot with the flood disaster. Go to www.lcms.org to see how you can help with disasters around the world through the LCMS.

President Baneck

*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*