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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*"Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Luke 23:43

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 532

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe
of him!**

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and earth!

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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of him!**

Kyrie p. 152

Glory to God p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.' "

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

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: Colossians 1:13-20 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all

the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 23:27-43 (ESV)

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, *"Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"* But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

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| Apostles' Creed | p. 159 |
| Hymn of the Day | # 525 |
| Sermon | Looking like a King |
| Prayer of the Church | |
| Offering | |
| The Handbells will ring "Speak O Lord" during the gathering of our morning offerings. | |
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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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Alice Battest (Doug Neuberger's mother-in-law),
George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn's grandfather) & Kyle Miller
(Nona Blaisdell's brother);
- † Al & Maria Galster, on the death of Al's brother.

Welcome to worship this morning. On this Last Sunday of the Church Year, we are reminded that Christ is our King. He established His kingdom through His passion and death. He now rules and protects His Church and governs over all the world, especially for the benefit of His Church. On the last day, He will lead His Church to the glory of heaven. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom (2 Tim. 4:19)." Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

"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 Thursday, November 28, 8:30 a.m.



LYF began their annual Christmas Basket Silent Auction last Sunday, November 24th and it runs through Sunday, December 15th. This fundraiser helps support our activities at the Church and outside of the Church. It also helps defray the cost of those wanting to attend camps or LYF District or National events. Anyone can bring a basket of items to be put up for auction. There are empty baskets at the Church if you need one. Please call Vicky Yeager, 873-5647 if you have questions.



A benefit for Debbie Basquit and Family will be held today from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Beulah Civic Center. More information is on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Christmas Cards are for sale in the social hall.

Greeters are needed for the month of December. There is a sign-up sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

A Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 28th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 5th Street NW, Beulah. Please call 873-4397 if you have more than 5 in your group or if you need a ride to dinner. Deliveries are available for shut-ins within the city of Beulah.

Ladies of Concordia are invited for lunch and fellowship hosted by St. Peter Lutheran Church LWML in Hannover on Wednesday, December 4th, 12:00 noon. A sign-up sheet is on the table in fellowship hall if you wish to attend.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Offerings: \$2,538.00

“And [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give, and why they give: Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all he has.

We are the North Dakota District...

At the conclusion of Luther’s explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, he writes, “all for which it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.” We gather this week for the national holiday of Thanksgiving. The Psalmist says, “I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.” I encourage us all to worship together this Thanksgiving, thanking God for daily bread and for the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

President Baneck

† 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 | 9:00 am | Deadline for December calendar items |
| Thursday | 8:30 am | Thanksgiving Service @ Concordia |
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Church Office Hours

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