

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

December 26, 2021

1st Sunday after Christmas



*"My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."*

Luke 2:30, 32

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship this morning! Forty days after our Savior's birth, in accordance with the Old Testament Law, His parents took Him to the temple to consecrate Him to God. There, the holy family met aged Simeon. Taking the Christ child into his arms, Simeon says, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace." With Simeon, we sing these same words, knowing that we are at peace with God through Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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.

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Introit

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nation.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten."

"When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-40

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the

Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

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In our thoughts and prayers,

✠ Bev & Nikki Sullivan & Family, on Derek's death.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship this morning.

The newly-elected congregational officers will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 2, 2022.



The 2022 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning. Please **do not** use your 2021 envelopes after the new year as your envelope number may have changed.



The 2022 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please select the month you prefer to be a greeter.

Portals of Prayer: The January—March devotional booklets are on the table in the social hall.

Membership Changes:

Transfer In: Patty Morgenstern, from St. Matthew, Hazen;

Transfer Out: Grant & Gayleen Briggs, to Mount Calvary, Richfield, MN



Main Street Living can be heard on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Episodes of "This Is the Life" precede it at 10:00 am.

The family of Concordia would like to thank

- * *Anne and Joslyn for directing the Children's Christmas Program and to Pastor Olson for being the accompanist;*
- * *Mikayla Voegele for the special music;*
- * *Nona and the Bell Choir for playing;*
- * *All who brought poinsettias;*
- * *All who provided and served soup and sandwiches during Advent.*
- * *Sandy, for all of her dedicated work with the bulletins and orders of service.*

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 102 Offerings: \$2,935.00

“And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

Luke 2:38

Notice here how giving thanks to our Lord leads to good works. Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?



✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service

Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for January calendar

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service
*Installation of Officers
11:00 am Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.

Tina and I would like to thank the congregation, LWML, and all who remembered us at Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Pastor Heller



ND District LCMS Message in a Pew December 2021

Advent & Christmas Blessings!

We rejoice in our LCMS members who continue to support our missions in Chile, Christ Cares for Children—Kenya and our campus ministry at Wittenberg Chapel, UND, Grand Forks.



The LCEF's Joyful Response program gives you a new way to support our missions! Using GivePlus, submit a one time donation or set up an automatic recurring donation. Visit nodaklcms.org/giveplus or check out the mobile app. More information can be found on the website. Thank you for your support.

We grieve over the closing of two churches in our District. Trinity Lutheran of LaMoure had started as a mission church in 1941. St. James Lutheran of Golden Valley started in 1907. We pray for the members of both churches as they find new homes for worship.

May Jesus, the reason for the season, fill your heart with joy and peace.

Congregations' Status

President Arie Bertsch

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (Rev. Aaron Filipek).

St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Our Savior, Bottineau; St. Paul, Rugby; Immanuel, Willow Creek: vacancy (Rev. Jon Bonine).

St. Martin, Anamoose; St. John, Kongsberg: vacancy (Rev. Tim Stout).

First English, Fairmount: vacancy (Rev. Matthew Tooman).

Pastors & DCE'S

Trinity, Adrian: Rev. Tom Eckstein installed Nov. 28.

Alan Eppen, Zion, Edgeley and Bethlehem, Forbes: returned a call to St. John, Akeley, MN.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
November 2021

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$106,109.13
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(37,138.20)
Other Gifts	868.34
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$69,839.27

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$20,735.72
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	35,727.76
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,997.89)
Current gifts given for these missions	(4,887.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

Net Expenses	\$49,578.59
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR NOVEMBER	\$20,260.68
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$4,040.95
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$33,640.31

WOW!! The way God blesses the North Dakota District through our member congregations amazes me. November giving was a historical high and financially, we are in uncharted territory. Sing with me!

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of November 30, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$9,495.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,765.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

You can now give to the District via on-line through Joyful Response. Click on the GivePlus+ button on nodaklcms.org.