

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

November 21, 2021

Last Sunday of Church Year



*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

Revelation 22:13

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 894

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!

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

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Handbells will ring "For the Beauty of the Earth".

Epistle Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 18:33-37

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "*Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?*" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.*"

Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world— to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice."

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 680

Sermon Not Of This World

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Handbells will ring "Abide With Me" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 621, 832, 525

"Thank the Lord" p. 164

Post-Communion Collect p. 166

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 801

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,

✝ Steve & Nona Blaisdell, on the death of Steve's brother, Robert Blasdell.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 74 Offerings: \$2,267.00

"... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ..."

Isaiah 51:6b

The things of this earth – the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, and that tempt us away from the Lord – are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

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MISSION GIVING
NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

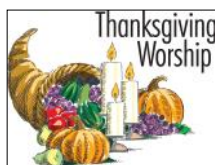
1-1-1 Mission Giving
1 Dollar
1 Baptized Member
1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

The logo features the numbers '1-1-1' in a green box above the words 'MISSION GIVING' in a black box. Below this, the text 'NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT' and 'LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD' is written in a smaller font. The main text of the logo is enclosed in a green rectangular border.

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 word of St. Paul, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom" (2 Ti 4:19). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Voters Meeting: Our Voters meeting will follow worship this morning. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2022 budget. Fresh-baked caramel and cinnamon rolls will be served.



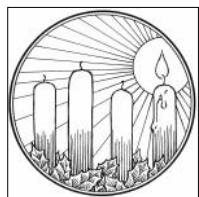
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Ps 135:1). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 PM.



Advent Potluck: Join us for Advent Potluck next Sunday, November 28, 11:30 AM. Ham and buns will be provided by Thrivent funds. Please bring a dish to share. We will have a free-will offering for our adopted seminary student, Joseph Greenmyer.

Please have any Thanksgiving food items for Women's Action & Resource Center at the Church by Tuesday, November 23rd so they can be delivered before Thanksgiving to WARC.

The Word Became Flesh: Our Advent worship will focus on John 1:1–18. These verses introduce one of the Bible's greatest and grandest books -- the Gospel according to St. John. These eighteen verses contain some of the most important words written -- **ever**. They explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. And John 1:1–18 is chalked-full of dearly-loved Advent and Christmas themes, with the most famous one being, "The Word became flesh" (John 1:14). Please join us for worship beginning Wednesday, December 1, 6:30 PM. Soup & sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.



Christmas Program: The Children's Christmas Program will be on Christmas Eve, 5:00 PM. Parents, please let Anne Rosenow know if your child(ren) will be in the program.

Greeters are needed for the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Voters Meeting/Sunday School
- Monday 10:15 am Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
- Wednesday 9:00 am Deadline for December calendar items
 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service
- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 pm Bible Class
 11:30 pm Advent Potluck

Church Office Hours

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

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Acknowledgments

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

November 2021

All Faith's Chapel at the Life Skills and Transition Center

The All Faith's Chapel at the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton is an unique mission of the North Dakota District that began in 1952. At that time, Rev. Al Thiem started a visitation ministry that developed into a chaplaincy teaching program. Many remember Evelyn Allensworth who faithfully served for 38 years as the religion teacher. For years many residents went through a confirmation program.



For most of the last 18 months, COVID has closed the Center to visitors. This included the Sunday afternoon worship services. The Chapel is open again with protocol precautions and earlier this fall the staff and clients expressed heartfelt thankfulness for this mission of the ND District and the 'face' that they see each week, Rev. Bernie Seter.

Thanks to the ND LCMS District staff who saw the need and undertook to offer God's love through His Word in ministry, education, grief counseling and in so many other ways to the residents, family, staff, and community at All Faith's Chapel.

Congregations' Status

Pres. 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

Rev. Larry Schmidt, First English, Fairmount, retired Oct. 24.

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

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

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
October 2021

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$58,144.91
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(20,350.72)
Other Gifts	214.24

Total left for District Missions, Expenses \$38,008.43

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$27218.50
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	30,798.63
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(2,422.10)
Current gifts given for these missions	(10,056.00)
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	\$45,539.03
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR OCTOBER	(\$7,530.60)
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$4,658.50
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$6,903.71

October giving was below average. Major expenses included Pastors' Conference and the Middle School Gathering which were partially offset by registration fees. What a gift the members of the ND District give as their pastors connect and learn and the youth strengthen their faith through these events! Although the monthly bottom line is not good, YTD we are still in the black and that is a reason to rejoice!

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 October 31, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$8,670.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,540.00

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