

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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Reformation Sunday



*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good  
pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

*Luke 12:32*

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 “Protests”) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Divine Service**                                 **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**                         # 592

**Holy Baptism**                                 p. 268

**Introit**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

God is our refuge and strength,

**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam,

**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

**how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burrs the chariots with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God,

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**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 of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Kyrie**   p. 152

**Glory to God**                                 p. 154

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading:** Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**Gradual**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

**in the city of our God!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

That you may tell the next generation

**that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**"Alleluia"** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, *"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 656
<b>Sermon:</b> “ <i>Be still, and know that I am God</i> ”	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
“ <b>What Shall I Render</b> ”	p. 159
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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,  
✠ Clifford, baptized today.

### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Worship: 74 Offerings: \$2,128.00

“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,  
since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”

Romans 3:20

The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

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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

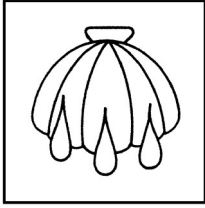
Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**At the Font:** We rejoice that Clifford Jude Cramer, the son of Jeff & Jade Cramer, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Clifford 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] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).*



**Virtual Baby Shower:** If you would like to join in showering Clifford and family with gifts, please leave your gifts on the LWML table in the social hall by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please talk to Nona. Help us welcome Clifford to the family of Concordia.

**Trunk or Treat:** Please remember Trunk or Treat tonight, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Donations of candy are still welcome! Please consider joining us tonight with your trunk, that is, your vehicle, to hand out candy.

**The November calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet and September council minutes are on the table in the social hall.

**During the month of November** we will be collecting Thanksgiving meal canned goods for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please have items at the Church by Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Greeters** are needed for the months of November and December. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to be greeters.

**“Thank You”** Debra Bonebrake, Sandy Buchmann, Carrie Hafner, LWML, and Michelle Schlender for providing bars, doughnuts and cookies for the month of October.

**Coffee Servers:** If you are interested in serving coffee for fellowship/Bible class, please sign up on the form in the Fellowship hall or visit with Marlene Schriefer.



**Daylight-saving time** ends Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.



**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.

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 – 6:30 pm	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class <b>Trunk or Treat</b>
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Underwood
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.*

## ND District LCMS Message in a Pew October 2021

Lutheran Braille Workers started in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. Mrs. Helene Loewe Koehler felt God calling her to first learn Braille and began the process of transcribing the Bible into German Braille, one dot at a time, moving backwards across the page. 75 years later, LBW is the world's largest non-profit producer of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials and has shipped over 14 million volumes and millions of other pamphlets, calendars, and materials, in almost 40 languages, to 164 countries. Millions of people have been reached with the Gospel message.



Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donors, all the material has been distributed free of charge.

LBW produces approximately 150,000 volumes a year and are available free of charge through the dedication of thousands of volunteers in over 115 Ministry Production Centers throughout the United States. Two of those centers are located in North Dakota at Our Savior, Bottineau and St. Matthew, Hazen. The pictures are taken at the worksite in Bottineau.



### Congregations' Status

**President Arie Bertsch**

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

Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

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).

### Pastors & DCE'S

Rev. Paul Nelson, St. John, Kongsberg and  
St. Martin, Anamoose, retired October 3.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**September 2021**

**INCOME**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$46,981.12
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(16,443.39)
Other Gifts	931.05
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$31,468.78</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$33,143.87
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	\$32,009.17
<b>1-1-1 Mission Giving</b>	(1,502.50)
Current gifts given for these missions	(4,911.72)
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)	
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$58,738.22</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>(\$27,270.04)</b>
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	<b>\$18,641.58</b>
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,435.71</b>

September giving was another month of below average giving. We did pay out student aid for the first semester which was offset by designated funds given in past months. The monthly bottom line is not good, but overall, we are still in the black and that is a reason to rejoice! Your September giving gets to our office in October so I am praying for a better month. In our digital age, online giving options make a lot of sense.

If your congregation does not take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

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 September 30, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$8,525.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,395.00

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