

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

November 20, 2022

Last Sunday of the Church Year



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

Luke 23:43

✠ In the name of Jesus ✠

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. 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!

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.

Divine Service

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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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

"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

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

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."*

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

673 (st. 1-4)

Sermon

Happily Ever After

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Closing Hymn # 680



Surrounding our brothers and sisters in Christ with our thoughts and prayers, we remember Cody Blaisdell.

Announcements

Voters Meeting: Our Voters Meeting is this morning following worship. Among items of business will be election of congregational officers and 2023 budget. Unapproved minutes from the February Voters meeting are on the table in the social hall. Rolls will be served during the meeting.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Ps 134:1). We give



thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all our blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 PM.

This Is My Son: During the Advent season, we prepare our hearts to focus on Jesus being born as a humble, human



baby. He is both son of Mary and Son of God, the ultimate son of Adam who fulfilled the Law and Prophets. Through Him, we take on our identity as children of God, heirs to heaven and made new in baptism. Join us as we explore the theme of sonhood through Jesus,

Biblical sons, and our identity as children of the heavenly Father with our mid-week worship beginning Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 PM.

The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 18, during the worship hour. Parents, please let Anne Rosenow know as soon as possible if your child/ren will be in the program, so that she can assign parts. Practice will be on December 4 & 11 during the Sunday School hour. If you have questions, please talk to Anne.

Coffee Servers: If you are interested in serving coffee for fellowship in 2023, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Please visit with Marlene Schriefer if you have questions.

Greeters are needed for December. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested.

During November donations of Thanksgiving meal canned goods will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please have all items at the Church by Wednesday, November 23rd.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wednesday	9:00 am	Deadline for December calendar information
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Service
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	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.

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

November 2022

Meet Carolyn!

On October 25, Carolyn Fiechtner began her Fargo Office Manager duties with the North Dakota District! Carolyn comes to us with more than 15 years of office experience and owns her own virtual assistant business. She lives in West Fargo with husband Randy, daughter Lyla and their miniature Aussie dog named Bear.



They have a grown daughter, Kelli, who also lives in West Fargo. The family are all members at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Fargo. Carolyn enjoys cooking, sewing, quilting, reading and spending time with her family.

Carolyn is in the office Monday—Wednesday from 9-3. She can be reached at fargoofficendlcms@gmail.com or 701-293-9001.

Vicki will still be working with the archive records. She can be reached at historian@nodaklcms.org or 701-293-9001. Any historical records can still be sent to the Fargo office.

Congregations' Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

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

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

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

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

Zion-Edgeley; Bethlehem-Forbes: Rev. Brandon Woodruff was installed Nov. 6.

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton; St. John-Crystal: vacancy (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Zion, Gwinner: vacancy (Rev. Chris Durham).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Nathan Schieber).

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Andrew-Niagara, St. Peter-Devils Lake and Grace-Lakota, returned a call to Zion-Gordonville and St. Paul-Chaffee, MO.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS

Financial Information

October 2022

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$57,222.64
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$20,027.92)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$37,194.72
Other Unrestricted Gifts	1,560.45
1-1-1 Mission Giving	801.10
Current gifts/fees for missions	10,402.31
Available Income	\$49,958.58

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$17,004.07
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	37,766.76
(Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Current Expenses	\$54,770.83
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR OCTOBER	(\$4,812.25)
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$3,462.21
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$36,148.90

October giving was again below average. Income and expenses reflect both Pastors Conference and the Love Abounds Family Convocation. We are still in the black due to the withheld oil royalties we received at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts for these missions as of October 31, 2022:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$4,309.00
Chile Partnership	\$3,875.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$4,943.35

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on nodaklcms.org. to pick where you would like your donation directed. Thank you.