

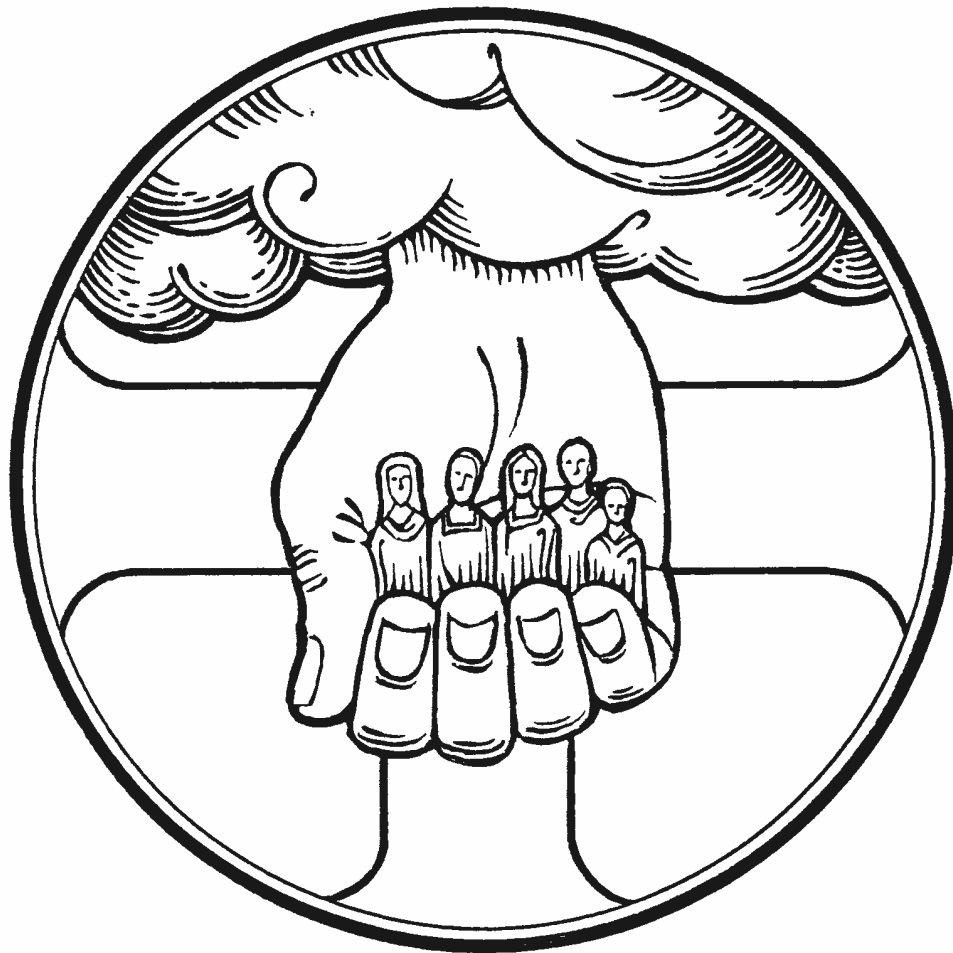
# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

Beulah, North Dakota

June 25, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*"Everyone who acknowledges Me before men,  
I also will acknowledge before My Father  
who is in heaven."*

*Matthew 10:32*

✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. 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 Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**              # 725

**Confession & Absolution**        p. 203

**Introit**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
**that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

When I am afraid,

**I put my trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**What can flesh do to me?**

In God, whose word I praise,

**in the Lord, whose word I praise.**

In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**What can man do to me?**

**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.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
**that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 204

**Gloria in Excelsis**                      p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 205

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

### **Gradual**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**and his greatness is unsearchable.**

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**and I will declare your greatness.**

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,  
*Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for My*

*name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household."*

*"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 735
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Do not even begin to fear!"</i>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 570, 744
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 212
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 212
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 727



**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Tina Heller, Elijah Struxness, Betty Lou Walz (sister of Sandy Myers),  
Brenda Weigum, and Jan Wolf (sister-in-law of Myron & Carrie Hafner).

## Announcements

**Board of Lay Ministry**, we will meet Monday, June 26, 7:00 pm.



**Watering Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall to volunteer to water the flowers. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the entire week following that Sunday. Thank you!



**Thank you** to Marion Ferebee and Mary Jo Larson for providing cookies/bars for fellowship during the month of June.

**“Greenmyer Family Update”** is posted on the LWML bulletin board in the social hall. Please take a minute to read to keep updated on our adopted seminary student, Joseph Greenmyer, as he vicars at Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell, SD, with his wife, Faith, and sons Abraham and Boaz. And, please take a minute this week to say a special prayer for Vicar Greenmyer and his family as he prepares for the pastoral office. Remember well the words of Jesus, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”* (Mt 9:37-38).



### **Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Attendance: 69      Offerings: \$3,635.00

*“Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”*

Romans 6:13

Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	4:00-8:00 pm	Church reserved
Monday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
	7:00 pm	Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for July calendar items
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service

**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 June 2023

## 40th Biennial LWML Convention

In one week, from June 22–25, Lutheran Women in Mission will join together in convention. Women and men from around the nation will be gathering in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Baird Center (formerly Wisconsin Center). Over 3,600 participants will worship together on Thursday evening, June 22, at 7 p.m. CDT. The opening worship service is open to the public.



For those unable to be there in person, we invite you to join us via livestream. From Thursday night's opening worship service to the business and mission speakers on Friday and Saturday, to the sending worship service on Sunday morning, live broadcasting will be available. If you are unable to attend the convention in person, why not organize a livestreaming get-together and watch as a group? If you miss the live version, you can still watch the recorded sessions.



Go to <https://livestream.com/theLWML> to watch live or to watch the videos and "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations".

### **Congregations' Status    Pres. Arie Bertsch**

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

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

Crosspointe-Fargo: vacancy (Rev. Chris Waldvogel).

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton: Rev. Daniel Provost will be installed on July 2 (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Zion, Gwinner: Rev. Mike Grieve will be installed on June 18th (Rev. Chris Durham).

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

### **Pastors & DCE's**

Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior, Fargo, has accepted a call to St. Paul, Canyon, TX.

Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel, Fargo, has accepted a call to Mission Central, Mapleton, IA.

Rev. Adam Harvala, West Fargo, has accepted a call to First American, Mayville, ND.

Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia, Beulah, is considering a call to St. Paul, Aurelia, IA.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**May 2023**

**INCOME:**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$91,646.53
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)(April, May)	(\$52,108.76)
<b>Net Congregational Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$39,537.77</b>
Other Unrestricted Gifts	1,037.54
1-1-1 Mission Giving	756.03
Current gifts/fees for missions	8,969.81
<b>Available Income</b>	<b>\$50,301.15</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$52,616.23
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	38,290.88
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	2,500.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	5,000.00
Chile Mission— Special Events	2,441.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	1,250.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

<b>Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$102,098.11</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR MAY</b>	<b>(\$51,796.96)</b>
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	<b>\$31,908.70</b>
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$15,196.61)</b>

That's an ugly expense number! May brought the perfect storm of expenses. Quarterly convention resolution missions were paid out, annual insurance payments were made, we started our partnership with Lutheran Family Service, we are caught up with payments in the right month. It makes for a lot of dollars going out. Giving was very good and brought us much closer to budget.

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 May 31, 2023:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$658.70
Chile Partnership	\$1,066.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$650.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://nodaklcms.org) to pick where you would like your donation directed.*