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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

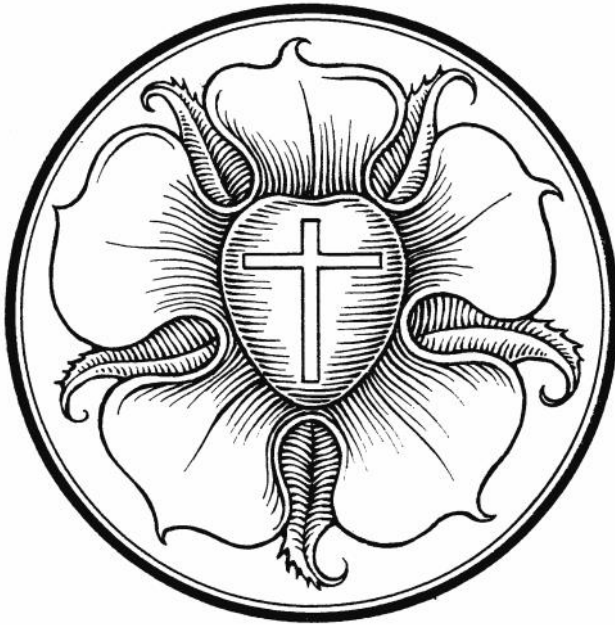
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

October 29, 2023

Reformation



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

Luke 12:32

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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 guestbook 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

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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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and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis 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: John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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 practices 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.”*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 566 (v. 1-4)

Sermon: God Knows God Best

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 392, 580, 644

“Thank the Lord” p. 164

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Closing Hymn # 578 (v. 1-4)

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP

WHERE WE ARE ABOUT

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

Announcements

Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween, this Tuesday, October 31st, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Donations of candy still are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. Please consider bringing your “Trunk” (vehicle) to help us hand out candy.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back one-hour Saturday night.

Voters Meeting: Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 12th, following worship. Among the items of business will be election of congregational officers and 2024 budget. Unapproved minutes from February 26, 2023 are on the table in the social hall.

Greeters are needed for November and December. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The November calendar and the birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Divine Service
11:00 am Bible Class

Tuesday 5-6:30 pm Trunk or Treat

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

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Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 67 Offerings: \$2,362.00

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:36

Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew October 2023

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

You will not want to miss this conference! Details are still being worked out and updates will be shared on the LCMS North Dakota District website. Dr. Selz is a former Lutheran Hour speaker and very dynamic presenter. Rev. Dr. Filipek serves Holy Cross and Immanuel in Lidgerwood. His recently published book tells how we are connected to God's story.



DR. GREGORY SELTZ

Executive Director of Lutheran
Center for Religious Liberty
& Speaker Emeritus for Lutheran
Hour Ministries

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

SAVE THE DATE: February 10, 2024
Zion Lutheran Church
Bismarck

Dr. Selz will discuss the importance of being dual Kingdom citizens and explore why creating a network of believers and churches is crucial "for such a time as this."

- Learn why Christians should engage with culture.
- Learn the principles of religious liberty.
- Discover how we can interact with culture for its benefit and the church's mission.



Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek will share insights on his book, "Life In Christ: Rooted, Woven, and Grafted Into God's Story".

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).

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

Grace-Fargo: Rev. Justin Woodside, Shepherd of the Valley & Bethel-Bismarck has returned the call (Rev. Bernie Worrall).

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior-Minot, is considering a call to St. Paul-Williamsburg, IA.

Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew-West Fargo, is considering a call to Our Savior-Albuquerque, NM.

Rev. Adam Filipek, Holy Cross & Immanuel-Lidgerwood, is considering a call to Trinity-Clinton, MO.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS

Financial Information

September 2023

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$46,583.35
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$16,304.17)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$30,279.18
Other Unrestricted Gifts	1,045.26
1-1-1 Mission Giving	843.96
Current gifts/fees for missions	4,985.34
Available Income	\$37,153.74

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$22,180.08
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	30,302.86
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Chile Mission— Special Events	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 **\$52,482.94**

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR SEPTEMBER **(**\$15,329.20**)**

Funds Given used for Current Expenses **\$11,450.00**

Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS **(**\$10,938.81**)**

September giving was average and YTD we are at about average, which is a little behind where we should be. The balance of Fall semester student aid payments were made.

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 September 30, 2023:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$1,543.18
Chile Partnership	\$1,416.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$2,634.85

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 Give button on nodaklcms.org to pick where