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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*For to everyone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance.*

Matthew 25:29a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Entrance Hymn # 594

Holy Baptism p. 268

Introit

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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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In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

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Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7-16 (ESV)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.'

Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not

of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV)

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Hymn of the Day	# 508 (st. 1-2, 5-7)
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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,

- † Our sick and recovering: Betty Hausauer;
- † Ainsleigh Marie, baptized today;
- † Nikki Stevens, as she continues her mission work in Kenya.

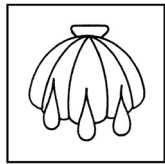
Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 131 Offering: \$3,977.00

In our Epistle lesson today we are encouraged to live as faithful stewards of all that God entrusts to us so that we may be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. In other words, all that we do and the way in which we do it gives evidence that the Holy Spirit is alive within us.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year comes near its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes again, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

This morning, we rejoice that Ainsleigh Marie Backus, the daughter of Jamey & Tracy Backus, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord's most gracious promise, Ainsleigh is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, her sins are forgiven, she is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. To God alone be the glory for this most precious washing of new life!



Today in Sunday School the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters of the Red Sea and how God saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism. Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. Talk about how God fights for us and saves us from sin, death, and the devil. Talk about Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.

“Walther”: Please join us for Bible Class as we watch the film “Walther,” the story of Dr. C.F.W. Walther. October 25th marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Walther, one of the founders of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its first president.



Nominees for church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please note that we are still in need of a youth director.

Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 20th, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2012 budget.



“You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing (Ps. 145:16).” We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 23rd.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, Happy Times for children and the September council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

The LYF will be holding a Christmas Decoration Drive for The Lutheran Disaster Response Team during the month of November. Items should be placed on the table in the social hall. Items will be sent to Minot the first week of December. We will get more information on where the items will go and if it is to a family or families or to a church.

LYF will be holding their annual Christmas Basket Silent Auction from November 13th through December 18th. All LYF families and anyone else willing to donate a basket is asked to have it at the church by November 13th.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Everyone is welcome to attend the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24th, 11:00 am — 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 5th Street NW, Beulah, ND. Please call the church office at 873-4397 by Monday, November 21st if you have more than five in your group, if you need a ride to dinner or would like a meal delivered.



+ This Week at Concordia +

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Voters Meeting
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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