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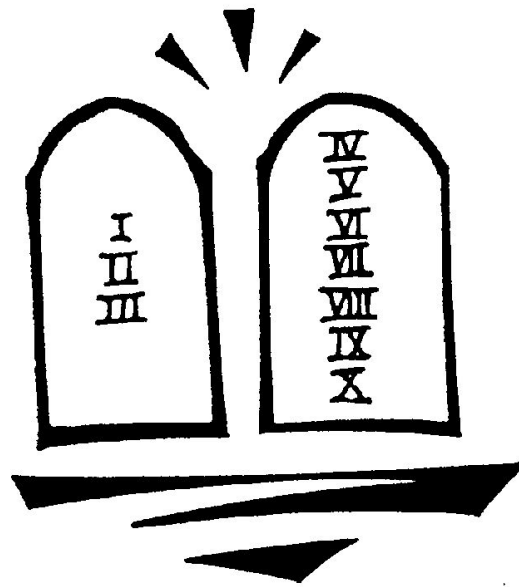
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became
to me a joy and the delight of my heart.*

Jeremiah 15:16a

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymns

575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
Congregations' Choice

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Salutation & Collect p. 205

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scriptures

Isaiah 29:11-19 (ESV)

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)

Now when the Pharisees gathered to Him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And He said to them, "*Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.*"

And He said to them, "*You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from Me is Corban' (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.*"

Apostles' Creed	p. 207
Sermon Hymn	# 563 (st. 1-4)
Sermon	The Teachings of God or Man?
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
Service of the Sacrament	p. 208ff.
Distribution Hymns	# 596 (st. 1-4), 618, 632
Nunc Dimittis	p. 211
Post-Communion Collect	p. 212
Benediction	p. 212
Closing Hymn	# 585 (st. 1-4)

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 & recovering: Kathy Baszler, Larry Hartman, & Julie Westemeier;

† For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 77 Offerings: 2,221.00

In marriage it is crucial to practice loving stewardship of that special relationship. If we are not married we are still encouraged to love and care for others just as Christ does for His body—the church. Maturing stewards seek to do those things that bring honor to God and blessings to others.

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!

Open House: There will be an open house to honor Anita Flemmer on her 80th birthday on Sunday, September 2, 3:00—5:00 pm. at the Church. Everyone is invited to celebrate with Anita.



Sunday School begins September 9th. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. If you are willing to teach or substitute teach, please indicate it on the form. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox.

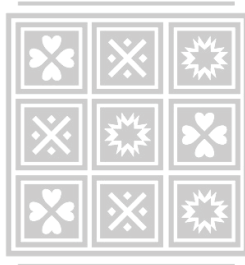
Bible Class: DEATH...Then What? is the title of our study we begin on September 9th. Why now? Why her? Why him? Why me? Where is God? What happens after I take my last breath? Death is not anyone's favorite topic, but it is something we must deal with sooner or later. Join us as we find answers in our crucified and risen Lord!



LWML Retreat: Have you registered yet for the annual ND LWML Women's Retreat to be held the weekend of September 14-16 at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington? It will be a great time of Bible Study, Speaker Mary Hilgendorf, and a "Helping Hands Workshop" along with lots of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there. Talk to Mary Jo Larson for registration and more information.

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

Shepherd's Hill: Come join us for a fun filled day at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the 15th Annual Quilt, Craft and Culinary Arts Auction, September 8th, 2012! The day begins at 1:00 pm with an Open House and opportunity to view the quilts. Tangled Blue will be there with a couple of songs for your enjoyment. The auction begins at 2:00 pm with a light supper to follow. At 7:00 pm Tangled Blue will bless us with a concert to close out the evening. For those wanting to stay—we will have a worship service on Sunday morning with Tangled Blue leading the music. Make plans now to attend this event.



We are the North Dakota District...

Today we keep Rev. Joshua Reimche in our prayers as he is installed at Our Savior Bottineau and Immanuel Willow City. Pastor Reimche was ordained on May 24, 2003. Pastor Reimche and his wife, Carrie (Forsberg), are moving from Reimche's most recent call at Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton, Iowa. The Reimche's are blessed with four children: Hannah, Jacob, Rebekah, and Josiah, from ages 12 to 6.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for September Calendar
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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