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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
Psalm 147:2-3*

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymns

864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"
Congregation's choice

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Salutation & Collect p. 205

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scriptures

Isaiah 35:4-7a (ESV)

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

James 2:1-10, 14-18 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as

transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be opened*." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

- Apostles' Creed** p. 207
- Sermon Hymn** # 867
- Sermon** Selective Hearing

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handbell Choir will ring "Abide with Me" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

- Service of the Sacrament** p. 208ff.
- Distribution Hymns** # 524, 865
- Nunc Dimittis** p. 211
- Post-Communion Collect** p. 212
- Benediction** p. 212
- Closing Hymn** # 797

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 nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

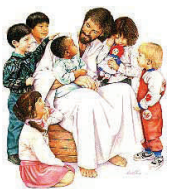


Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$2,079.00

In this fallen world we often find that when we strive with God's help to be productive stewards, we encounter trials and testing. Scripture encourages us to hang in there because trials and test strengthen our faith and help us mature as God's stewards.

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!



Sunday School begins today following worship. 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 this morning. 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!

Board of Lay Ministry, please remember our meeting Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 pm.

Vacancy: As of September 1st, Pastor Heller is serving the vacancy at St. Matthew, Hazen, and St. James, Golden Valley. Worship at St. Matthew is at 2:00 pm and at St. James at 4:00 pm Sundays. Pastor will also be teaching Bible study on Monday and Catechism on Wednesday at St. Matthew.

The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, July Council Minutes, “Happy Times” for the children and Pray for Us Calendar are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

We are the North Dakota District...

“Beloved” is the LCMS National Youth Gathering Theme for July 1-5, 2013 in San Antonio, TX. The National Youth Gathering offers opportunities to join together for worship, God’s Word in Bible Studies an interest sessions, prayer, music, and service. Go to www.lcmsgathering.com or www.nyyouthonfire.org for more information. Pat Sebastian, from Bismarck, is the District Coordinator, and is available to provide step-by-step assistance to churches and youth groups.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	LYF — Grades 7-12
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	KRCC Communion
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Friday - Sunday	LWML Retreat, Carrington	
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