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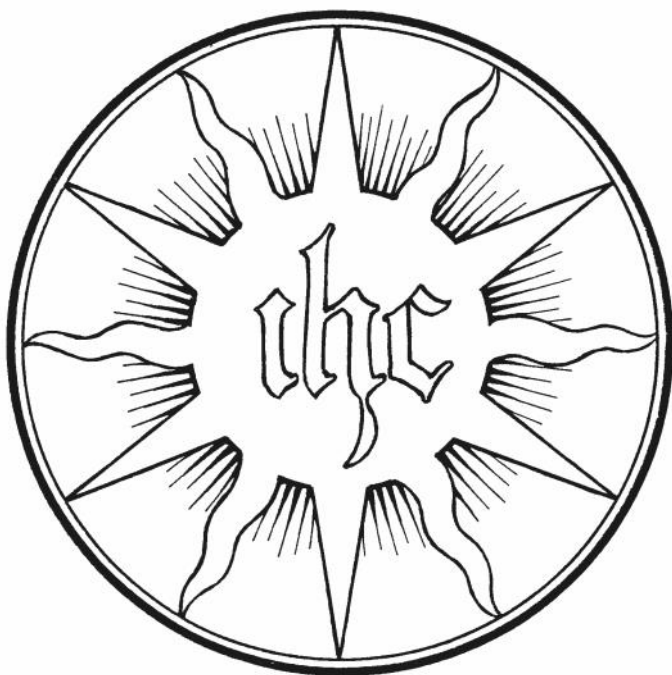
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*"Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you."*

Matthew 5:44b

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (ESV)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (ESV)

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:38-48 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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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.

Welcome to worship as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. In this season, when we see and hear Jesus, we see and hear God. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

Our Annual Meeting will be this morning after worship. Please join us for potluck brunch following the voters meeting.

The February Human Care Project is collecting tuna for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please put your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway. Thank you.



It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Carmen Dschaak. Christian Burial will be Monday, February 24, 2014. *There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:19).*

We are the North Dakota District...

As I visit our many congregations in the North Dakota District, do you know how many times I see an old crucifix in the storage room, in the church basement, or on a back altar? When our congregations were started, these crucifixes were placed on the altar in front of the church. We are indeed a church that "preaches Christ crucified!" The crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior is one glorious redemptive act. This is our heritage, our history, and our faith.

President Baneck

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother);

† Bennie Dschaak & Family, as they mourn Carmen's death.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 124 Offerings: \$2,494.00

“You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.”
We are God's children – created in His image. Although tarnished by sin, we have been renewed in His image through Baptism into Christ's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. And where Christ goes, we follow, reflecting the image of God in love, in generosity, in kindness, in humility. How Jesus is, thus are we called to be.

A 90th Birthday Celebration
in honor of
Elsie Buchmann
will be held this afternoon at
Sunset Manor, 114 Hwy 49 South
from 2:00—4:00 p.m.
Please join us!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch
Monday	10:00 am	Carmen Dschaak Funeral
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 st -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 nd -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for March calendar information
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning