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Commemoration of Martin Luther—Birth
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REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God.
Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

Hebrews 13:7

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 497

Holy Baptism p. 268

Introit

Great are the works of the Lord,
 studied by all who delight in them.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might,
 and the wonders that He has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
 which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
 and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God
 and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

Great are the works of the Lord,
 studied by all who delight in them.

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.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty God, merciful Father, who made the light to shine out of the
darkness, we thank You that You have shown mercy to us and our fathers,
and by means of Your servant Martin Luther have restored the pure light of
Your Gospel. Keep us, we ask You, in sound doctrine, that we may
steadfastly believe and worthily follow Your saving Word, and finally, by its
holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 46:1-11 (ESV)

Bel bows down; Nebo stoops; their idols are on beasts and livestock;
these things you carry are borne as burdens on weary beasts.

They stoop; they bow down together; they cannot save the burden, but
themselves go into captivity.

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;
even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have
made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

"To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?

Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship!

They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place.

If one cries to it, it does not answer save him from his trouble.

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east the man of my counsel from a far country.

I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

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: Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"Alleluia"

p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 16:25-33 (ESV)

[Jesus says] *"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."*

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, *"Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 645

Sermon: Remembering Our Leaders
Hebrews 13:7

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchimes will ring "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" during the gathering of our morning offering.

"What Shall I Render p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 617, 801, 733

Thank the Lord p. 164

Post-Communion Collect p. 166

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 768

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: Elsie Buchmann, Carey Fischer, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† James Carl, baptized today.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Commemoration of Martin Luther-Birth. 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Beginning today and throughout the year, we will be celebrating special services. At the center of the Reformation is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word “still”, in our bulletin cover which is the logo for the 500th Anniversary, bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

At the Font: We rejoice that James Carl, the son of Billy & Crystal Anvik, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ’s most gracious promise, James is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. “[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).



Please join us following worship for cookies/bars & coffee. “Thank you” Carol Riegel for providing cookies last Sunday

“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Tim. 4:8). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue a study of 2 Timothy.



Be sure to mark November 20th on your calendar:

- Our Voters Meeting will follow worship.
- Potluck brunch will follow the Voters Meeting.
- Children’s Christmas Program practice begins.

You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing (Psalm 145:16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all the blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 pm.

Doug Neuberger has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee.

Christmas cards are on sale in the social hall. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks should be made out to LWML.

Biblical Tour of Israel & Jordan: Rev. Darold Reiner will be leading a tour of Israel & Jordan April 26—May 7, 2017. An information flyer is posted in the social hall.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, September council minutes and unapproved minutes from the February voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Concordia Family: As some of you may already know, Concordia has begun making meals for people in need, whether is be from an illness or recovering from a hospital stay. Marv & Lori Kuschel, Carey Fischer and Elsie Buchmann have been added to the meal list. Kristi Stevens will set up a schedule and be the contact person. She can be messaged on Facebook or call 873-5841 or 870-1117. Please use disposable containers for the meals instead of them having to return containers. If you know of anyone else who should be added to the list, please also let Kristi know. Thank you.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 140 Offerings: \$4,626.50

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” We are people of the Resurrection. We know our future. And this knowledge colors all our actions in this world. Since we know we are destined to live in God’s kingdom forever, what kind of lives ought we to live here and now? Where should our priorities be?

WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT – At the August Board of Director’s meeting, Pastor Mark Buchhop announced to the Board that he is planning to retire as chaplain at UND Wittenberg Chapel at the end of August 2017. Pastor Buchhop has faithfully served Wittenberg Chapel since March, 1996. We thank Pastor Buchhop for his faithful service. The Board is currently evaluating that campus ministry.

Pastor Baneck, DP

“What are ways I could serve/be serving in the church?”

There are always more needs than willing workers; this was true in Christ's day and is still true today (Matthew 9:37). It's never a problem to find a need in the local church. From evangelizing the community (which all Christians are called to do, (Acts 1:8) to cleaning the bathrooms, there is always plenty of work to be done. It is good to inquire of the church leadership regarding the needs of the church. Have a conversation with the pastor and elders about what jobs are open and how they may or may not be suited for you.

Here are a few examples of positions of service in local congregations:

- ◆ Sunday School and Bible study teachers (once vetted)
- ◆ Children and youth leaders
- ◆ Administrators
- ◆ Secretaries
- ◆ Janitors and maintenance workers to upkeep the building and grounds
- ◆ Transportation workers for children or others unable to drive
- ◆ Outreach workers
- ◆ Ushers and greeters
- ◆ Choir members and soloists
- ◆ Musicians
- ◆ Music directors, song leaders, etc.
- ◆ Audio and video technicians
- ◆ Website administrators and social media coordinators
- ◆ Treasurers and accountants
- ◆ Kitchen workers
- ◆ Nursery workers



Every member of every church should be serving in some way, and every servant of the Lord should remember that it's more than just serving others; it's loving them: "Serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13). Serving the church can take on many forms: babysitting for a young couple to give them a night out, preparing a meal for a family struck by illness, visiting an elderly, housebound widow, or just picking up a phone and saying, "I was thinking about you today." Christians may busy themselves in tasks of service like the ones listed above, but endless performing, without love, is meaningless (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). As we go about serving God and others, let us do so with a spirit of humility and brotherly love (Philippians 2:1-4).

Richard Simenson, Stewardship Chairman

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Program Practice/Voters Meeting
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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