

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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Last Sunday of the Church Year



*"Truly, I say to you,  
today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

*Luke 23:43*

## **Divine Service**

## **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 532

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

### **Introit**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

**who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

Lift up your hands to the holy place

**and bless the Lord!**

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

**he who made heaven and earth!**

**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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**Kyrie**

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**Glory to God**

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**Salutation & Collect**

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Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You life and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of

remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

### **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:** Colossians 1:13-20 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**"Alleluia"**

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### **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 23:27-43 (ESV)

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to*

*the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, *"Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"* But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 673

**Sermon** *"If you are the king of the Jews!"*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**"What Shall I Render"** p. 159

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 617, 525, 832

**"Thank the Lord"** p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 680

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** on the Last Sunday of the Church Year. At the end of the Church year, our worship focuses on the Second Coming of Christ. Today, our worship focuses on the time after Christ returns to reign as our King. Jesus truly is "the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings on earth (Rev. 1:5)." Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

***Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever*** (Ps 136:11).



We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, this Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 PM.



**We will be decorating** the Church for Christmas next Sunday, December 1, following Sunday School and Bible Class. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Rev. Zelwyn Heide** will be installed as pastor for St. Peter, Hannover, and Zion, New Salem, on Sunday December 1, 4:00 (Central) at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hannover. A meal will follow the installation.

**Congregational Advent Potluck:** Please join us on Sunday, December 8, 12:00 noon for our Advent Potluck. Ham and buns will be furnished and the congregation is asked to bring a dish to share. A free-will offering will be taken for our seminary student, Josh Reber.

**Greeters** are needed for the month of December. There is a sign-up sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.



**Christmas Cards** are for sale in the social hall. They are \$4.00 per box. Please make check out to LWML and give the money to Tina Heller.



### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 112 Offerings: \$2,614.00

“And He is the head of the body, the Church.”

We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give: Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

### **† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	9:00 am	Deadline for December calendar information
	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Service
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:45 am	Church Decorating

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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

# **North Dakota District LCMS Message in the Pew November 2019**

## **REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS**

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

If the title of this message sounds familiar, it was the theme used at the Synod Convention this past July. To rejoice always - even in time of troubles? Well, the outgoing First Vice-President Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller gave a delightful presentation on being "Joy:fully Lutheran" despite undergoing the removal of a brain tumor. Rev. Joe Hoem gave a moving presentation on prayer and the journey of his life in India, where he spent his first years in an orphanage. You can watch convention highlights at [www.lcms.org.convention](http://www.lcms.org.convention).

The month of November brings Thanksgiving, a day of being thankful for turkey and dressing, family and friends. But keep on being thankful every day. Praise God for all He does for you, in the good and the bad times. We, in the District offices, praise you and give thanks for your support of our missions, from Chile to Kenya to our college students. Thank you for your continued donations.

Happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you all!

### **Congregations' Status**

Our Savior's, Minot: Rev. Heath Trampe was installed on November 10. (Intentional Interim Minister, Rev. Richard Davis's last Sunday was October 27.)

St. Peter, Hannover/Zion, New Salem: Rev. Zelwyn Heide, Belfield and Grassy Butte, ND has accepted the call. Installation date TBA. (served by Rev. Kirk Peters and Rev. Dennis Voss.)

Trinity, Tolley: vacancy (served by Rev. Joel Brandvold.)

Zion, Claire City: vacancy (served by Minnesota North District.)

*Your servant in Christ,  
ND District President  
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS  
Financial Information  
October 2019**

**INCOME**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$88,339.29
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(30,918.75)
Other Gifts	3,094.21
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$60,514.75</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$21,378.19
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	37,801.96
Current gifts given for these missions	(13,337.03)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$45,843.12</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME FOR OCT. 2019</b>	<b>\$14,671.63</b>
<b>Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>YTD NET LOSS</b>	<b>(\$17,539.28)</b>

Congregational giving was higher than average for October and brings year to date giving much closer to average. I am hoping that is a trend that continues! October was a strong month and the deficit was decreased. Gifts from congregations and individuals designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of October 31:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$7,372.75
Chile Partnership	\$3,771.83

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

*Please consider a special donation to any of our missions. Mail checks to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106 and note which mission(s) you are supporting. Thank you!*