

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

December 27, 2020

1st Sunday after Christmas



*"My eyes have seen Your salvation; a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory
to your people Israel."*

Luke 2:30, 32

DIVINE SERVICE

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Introit

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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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and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (ESV)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is

opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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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 in the season of Christmas, the season of celebrating our Savior's birth. When Simeon and Anna gazed upon the Christ Child, they saw God's promise fulfilled. As they joyfully welcomed the Savior of the nations, so let us also rejoice at His birth and look to the future with the joy and hope of Christmas forever in our hearts. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Please join us for coffee following worship this morning.

The newly-elected officers of the congregation will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 3rd.

Greeters are needed for 2021. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

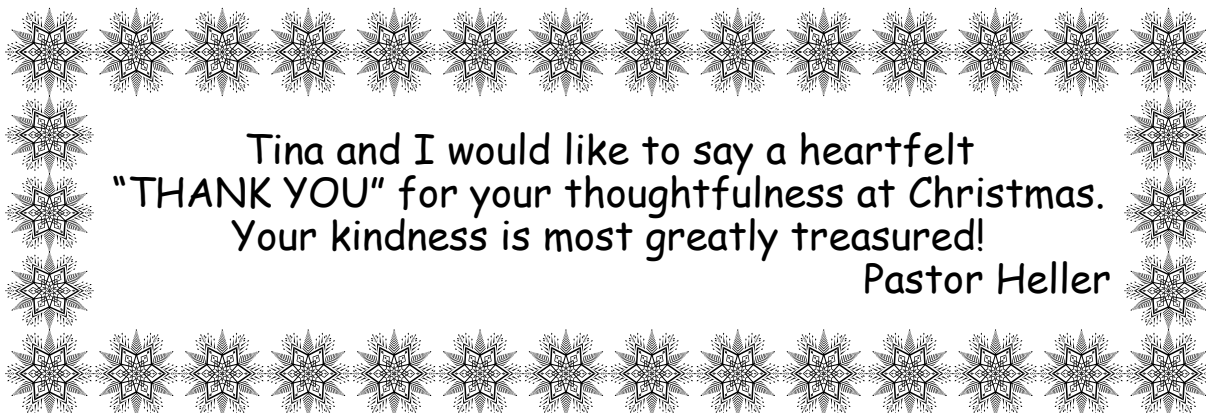
Please have all items for the January calendar turned into the Church office by Wednesday, December 30, 2020.



The 2021 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning.

Portals of Prayer: The new *Portals of Prayer* for January-March, 2021, are on the table in the social hall.

Thank you to Tracy Backus and family, Nona Blaisdell, Lori Kuschel, Mary Jo Larson, Carol Riegel, Michelle Schlender, Marlene Schriefer, Kim Senske, and Kristi Stevens for providing KrumKake, cookies and bars for us through the months of November and December.



† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service

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* Installation of Officers

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 68 Offerings: \$2,518.00

“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...”

Luke 2:39

The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.



NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

1-1-1 Mission Giving
1 Dollar
1 Baptized Member
1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

Church Office Hours

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Happy New Year 2021

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

**North Dakota District LCMS
Message in the Pew
December 2020**

Advent and Christmas Blessings!

As the end of our calendar year 2020 approaches, please remember to support your church and your ND District missions. Designated gifts to our international missions are far short of what is needed to support our Christ Care for Children in Kenya and the Mision Maule mission in Chile.

In Kenya the District has pledged \$10,000 to support the children living in the Project 24 facilities. When the pandemic shut down the facilities, the children were provided with food and other resources. The places are now opening up and our children are thrilled to be back with their friends and teachers.

The Chile church continues to grow with the help of \$25,000 pledged by the District! In the Mision Maule region, land has been purchased, a church has been built, and another mission congregation has been started. Stability continues to increase and these congregations should be self-sufficient within three years.

The LCEF's Joyful Response program gives you a new way to support our missions! Using GivePlus, submit a one time donation or set up an automatic recurring donation. Visit nodaklcms.org/giveplus or check out the mobile app. More information can be found on the website. Thank you for your support and praying you stay healthy!

Congregations' Status

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (served by Rev. Aaron Filipik).

Trinity, LaMoure and Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (served by Rev. Chris Brademeyer and Rev. Tom Eckstein).

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters).

Your servant in Christ,

*ND District President
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia, Beulah returned a call to Our Redeemer, Robinson IL and Trinity, Casey, IL.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
November 2020

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$41,290.49
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(14,451.67)
Other Gifts	323.44
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$27,162.26

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$11,034.23
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	36,138.85
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(886.88)
Current gifts given for these missions	2,104.00)
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)	

Net Expenses **\$44,182.20**

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR OCTOBER **(\$17,019.94)**

Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses **\$400.00**

YTD NET LOSS **(\$30,295.12)**

Congregational giving was very low (\$20-25K) for November. Some of the shortfall is due to timing. Fall typically means our people are back to attending church after a summer of weekend events, but the pandemic means we are still not normal. If your congregation does not yet take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations 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 30, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$3,915.50
Chile Partnership	\$4,266.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions. Blessings to all.

Please consider giving a Christmas donation to the ND District. Send to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. ND58106. Blessings to all.