

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

July 31, 2022

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord  
and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you  
will receive the inheritance as your reward.*

*Col. 3:23-24a*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**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!

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.

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 797 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution**

p. 203

**Introit**

Hear this, all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**  
both low and high,

**rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another,

**or give to God the price of his life,**  
for the ransom of their life is costly  
**and can never suffice.**

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

**yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

**Death shall be their shepherd.**

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,  
**for he will receive me.**

**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.

Hear this, all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**  
both low and high,  
**rich and poor together!**

**Kyrie** p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis** p. 204

**Salutation & Collect** p. 205

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities!  
All is vanity.

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## **Gradual**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**and their words to the ends of the world.**

## **Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

## **Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "*Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?*" And He said to them, "*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*" And He told them a parable, saying, "*The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many*

*years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”*

<b>Apostles’ Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 732 (st. 1-4)
<b>Sermon: “Be on your guard against all covetousness”</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.
<b>Distribution Hymn</b>	# 618, 611
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 212
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 212
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 861

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✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Tuesday	6:00 pm	75th Anniversary Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
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## Announcements

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation August 3 – 10. In case pastoral care is needed, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.



**A 75<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary meeting** will be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the church if anyone would like to attend.



**Watering Schedule:** There is a sign-up sheet for watering flowers at Church on the table in the social hall. The dates listed are Sunday's, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.



**Donations** of school supplies for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of August. Please leave items on shelves in the entryway.

**The August calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and "*Portal of Prayer*" booklets for July—September are on the table in the social hall.

**"Thank You"** Kim Senske, Walter Morast's family and the Fellowship Committee for the cake and bars/cookies served during fellowship in July.

### Your Help Is Needed

If you have any pictures you would like to share of a church activity, wedding, anniversary, confirmation, Sunday school program or classes, parties, celebrations, graduations, parades, volunteer things or anything pertaining to church in the past 25 years, email pictures to Nona at [blaisdell@beu.midco.net](mailto:blaisdell@beu.midco.net) or text pictures to 701-870-1243, or put them in her church mailbox.

## ND District LCMS Message in a Pew July 2022

Are you being called to serve on a Disaster Response Team?

The Local Mercy Committee of the LCMS ND District needs a couple of names of people from each ND LCMS congregation to work together to develop a Disaster Response effort. Do you feel that call? Friends and neighbors are the first to know who needs help. People that are adept at repairs and have an aptitude for helping others are also needed. These people would know who in the congregation could help out in Disaster



Response situations. In minor situations, the local congregation could take care of the need.

Regional contact people will be needed for regional disasters that may occur, and a main disaster relief point person to assist with statewide disasters and needs. The committee plans to put together teams from ND that may respond to disasters in our country, or even around the world. The District hopes to serve as the connecting conduit, as well as provide information and training where it may be needed. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Rosin at [krosin@juno.com](mailto:krosin@juno.com) or 701-361-6441; or Tami at the District office via [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-360-1469.

### **Congregations' Status \_\_\_\_\_ Pres. Arie Bertsch**

St. Peter-Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer-Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Our Savior-Bottineau; Immanuel-Willow Creek, St. Paul-Rugby: Rev. Chris Neuendorf will be installed Aug 6. (Rev. Jon Bonine).

St. Martin-Anamoose; St. John-Kongsberg: vacancy (Rev. Tim Stout).

First English-Fairmount: vacancy (Rev. Matthew Tooman).

Zion-Edgeley; Bethlehem-Forbes: Rev. Ryan Loeslie, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dimock, SD has returned the call (Rev. Paul Pre-us).

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton; St. John-Crystal: vacancy (Rev. Craig Fenske)

### **Pastors & DCE's**

Rev. Aaron Filipek, Zion, Gwinner is considering a call to Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches, Wichita, KS.

Rev. Adam Filipek, Holy Cross and Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Lidgerwood is considering a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wildwood, MO.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**June 2022**

**INCOME:**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$58,647.76
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(20526.72)
<b>Net Congregational Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$38,121.04</b>
Other Unrestricted Gifts	1,521.41
1-1-1 Mission Giving	1,181.56
Current gifts/fees for missions	2,828.00
<b>Available Income</b>	<b>\$43,652.01</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$16,478.64
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	32,247.81
(Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

**Current Expenses** **\$48,726.45**

**NET OPERATING LOSS FOR JUNE** **(\$5,074.44)**

Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses **\$6,793.71**

**Year To Date NET INCOME** **\$53,948.55**

June was a below average month for giving. Overall, giving is \$27,000 behind budget. Expenses were average and we are grateful for generous gifts given in the past that help us to meet current expenses.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts for these missions as of June 30, 2022:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$2,200.00
Chile Partnership	\$1,725.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$2,870.85

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.

*Joyful Response is a way you can donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org) and select where you would like your donation directed. Thank you.*