

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent



*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able
to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

Ephesians 6:11

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sins, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” 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 Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect

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O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

“Alleluia” *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, *"Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"* Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, *"Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'"*

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

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In our thoughts and prayers,

† Jessica Anderson (daughter of Dale & Julie Westemeier) and Nicole Sailer (daughter of Howard & Pede Winkler).

Announcements

Join us for our Annual Voters Meeting this morning, following worship. Apple & cherry turnovers will be served during the meeting.



Promised Treasures: Join us for our mid-week Lenten worship this Wednesday, 6:30 pm, as we look at “Salt: The Gift That Sweetens and Preserves.” Soup and sandwiches are served at 5:30 pm.



Fishers of Men: During the month of February we will be collecting TUNA for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave your donations in the shelving unit in the entryway.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and January council minutes are on the table in the social hall.



Greeters are needed for March. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Voters Meeting
Monday	3:30 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	1:30 am	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches—Group 2
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
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Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 66 Offerings: \$12,578.00

Jesus said to him,

“Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:7

Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388

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

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

February 2023
Planning Council

The Planning Council (PC) met February 2-3 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo. The Planning Council is made up of the district president, vice presidents, board of directors, circuit visitors, standing committee and task force chairpersons, and presidents of the ND District LWML and LLL. They meet annually in order to formulate and review a three-year, integrated District work plan that reflects Synod's triennial mission and ministry emphases along with the tasks assigned by the District convention, the District bylaws and President.



The current work plan has goals in the areas of:

1. Rural Ministry
2. Family Faith Formation
3. Inreach
4. Outreach

Congregations' Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

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

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

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

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton: has extended a call to Rev. Kevin Zellers, Jr.,
St. Peter- Swanville, MN (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Zion, Gwinner: have extended a call to Rev. Mike Grieve, Holy Cross-Golden, IL
(Rev. Chris Durham).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Nathan Schieber).

Pastors & DCE's

DCE Susanna Danner, Immanuel-Fargo is considering a call to
St. Paul, Pipestone, MN.

Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter-Hannover and Zion-New Salem,
returned a call to Calvary Lutheran-Wray, CO.

Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross-Bismarck returned calls to
St. Peter-Petersburg, MI and Rogers City, MI.

Rev. Mike Suelzle is considering a call to St. John-New Berlin, IL.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
January 2023

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$131,282.61
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$45,948.91)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$85,333.70
Other Unrestricted Gifts	3,709.06
1-1-1 Mission Giving	2,115.22
Current gifts/fees for missions	7,333.00
Available Income	\$98,490.98

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$25,239.52
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	23,759.43
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	5,129.47
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	5,000.00
Chile Mission— Special Events	700.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	5,124.01
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Current Expenses	\$64,952.43
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR JANUARY	\$33,538.55
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$28,528.98
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$142,648.78

God has been so very good to the North Dakota District. At their February meeting, the board voted to send an additional \$5,000 to each of the convention resolution missions. Second semester student aid and fourth quarter missions were paid.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts for these missions as of January 31, 2023:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$9,438.47
Chile Partnership	\$5,775.50
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$10,067.36

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on nodaklcms.org. to pick where you would like your donation directed.