

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

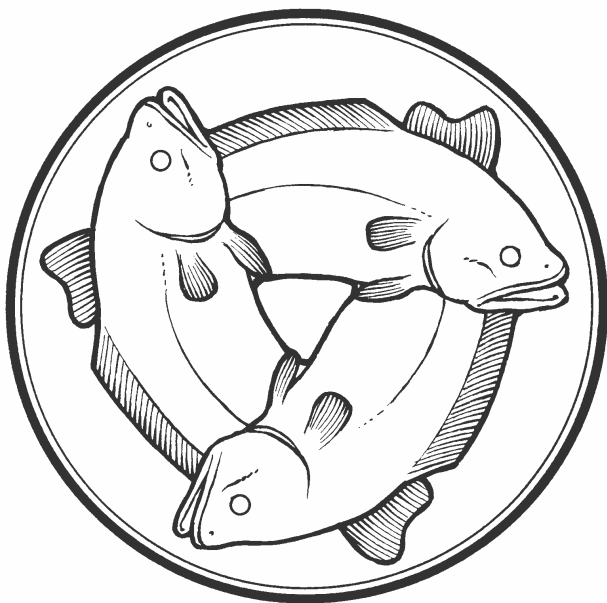
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



*"The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel."*

Mark 1:15

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Epiphany.

“Epiphany” means “appearance”. In this season, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son. Today, we hear the Master’s call, *“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men”*. 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 One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore!

The Lord is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens!

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

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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the name of the Lord is to be praised!

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Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, *“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”* And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

No More Waiting

Offering

“What Shall I Render”

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution Hymns

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“Thank the Lord”

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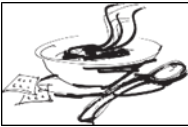
585 (st. 1-4)

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP
WHERE WE ARE ABOUT**

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

Announcements

The 2023 Contribution Statements have been emailed to those who have provided an email address or are in your mailbox this morning. If you did not receive one or have questions, please talk to Sandy, 873-2356.



Ingathering: “Souper Bowl” The January Human Care ingathering is collecting soup and crackers for Women’s Action & Resource Center.



The 2024 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please sign-up for the month you would like to be a greeter.

Congregational Meeting



Our Annual Voters Meeting will be Sunday, February 4, following worship. Unapproved minutes of the November 12, 2023, meeting are on the table in the social hall.



In our thoughts and prayers,
† Kent Larson, Edwin Miller,
& Hannah Schantz.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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† 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	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for February calendar information
	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
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Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 37 Offerings: \$1,447.00

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

Mark 1:14-15

To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223

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

ND District LCMS Message in a Pew January 2024

There is still time to join a mercy work trip in response to Hurricane Idalia planned for January 29-February 2, 2024. The group will be working through Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto, FL. This rural area was hit hard, but because of low population, did not receive media attention. Many different projects are planned. For more information, contact Kirk Rosin at 701-361-6441.

“For Such A Time As This” will be held on February 10th at Zion-Bismarck. Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will hold three sessions discussing Why Christians Should Engage with Culture, The Principles of Religious Liberty, and How We Can Interact with Culture For Its Benefit and the Church’s Mission. Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek, Holy Cross and Immanuel, Lidgerwood will walk participants through Scripture to answer “Who will crush the serpent’s head?” Please register ahead of time to aid in food planning.

For more information on both of these events, registration forms, and more, visit nodak.lcms.org



Congregations’ Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

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

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

Crosspointe-Fargo: has issued a call to Rev. Douglas Slavens, Memorial-Sioux Falls (Rev. Chris Waldvogel).

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

Grace-Fargo: vacancy (Rev. Bernie Worrall).

Immanuel-Fargo: associate pastor vacancy.

Grace-Carrington: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

Zion-Binford; Grace-Cooperstown: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Bob Hill).

Bethlehem/St. John-Upham; Zion-Kramer; Faith-Towner: Rev. Samuel Beltz, St. John-Oskaloose, IA has returned the call (Rev. Carlyle Roth and Rev. Rick Jones).

Zion-Bismarck: applying for a seminary candidate as associate pastor.

Pastors & DCE’s

Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter-Hannover, Zion-New Salem is considering a call to Trinity-Logan, Trinity-Sugar Grove, OH.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information December 2023

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$49,532.74
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$17,336.46)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$32,196.28
Other Unrestricted Gifts	5,518.61
1-1-1 Mission Giving	772.01
Current gifts/fees for missions	15,399.72
Available Income	\$53,886.62

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$10,994.65
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	26,563.79
(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
Chile Mission— Special Events	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	\$37,558.44
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR DECEMBER	\$16,328.18
Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$400.00
Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS	\$18,710.25

December giving was below average, but God provides. We received a couple of wonderful endowments designated for our current missions. Expenses were also down a bit resulting in a nice bottom line.

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

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$4,232.18/\$12,500.00
Chile Partnership	\$3,366.00/\$20,000.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$4,644.72/\$9,677.85

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