

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

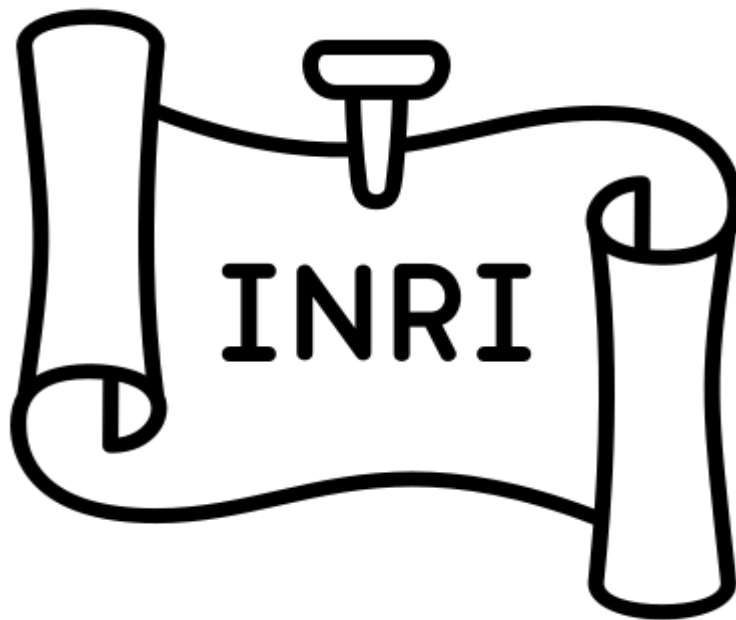
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

November 24, 2024

Last Sunday of Church Year



*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

*Revelation 22:13*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship this morning!** On this Last Sunday of the Church year, we are reminded that Christ is our King. He established His kingdom through His passion and death. He now rules and protects His Church and governs over all the world, especially for the benefit of His Church. On the last day, He will lead His Church to the glory of heaven. We rejoice in the word of St. Paul, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom" (2 Ti 4:19). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 905

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
**and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;  
**hold not your peace at my tears!**

**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 home of righteousness.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**                              p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 156

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one

like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

### **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: Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**"Alleluia"** p. 156

### **Holy Gospel: St. John 18:33-37**

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "*Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?*" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.*" Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "*You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.*"

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 525

**Sermon: *The ruler of kings on earth***

**Offering**

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

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns: # 621, 832, 549**

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

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 801

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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.

# Stewardship

## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$3,635.00

*"... For the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment ..."*

Isaiah 51:6

The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather, to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

## Announcements



**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Ps 134:1).** We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all our blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM.

**Christmas Program:** Our Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM. Practice for the Program will begin Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:15 AM. If you would like to have your child(ren) in the Program or have questions, please talk to Anne Rosenow.



**Family Advent Potluck:** Join us December 8<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Ham and buns will be furnished. You are invited to bring a dish to share. We will have a free-will offering for our Adopted Seminary Student, Dylan Meyer.

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation November 25 – December 2. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.

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

**The December calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet and October Council Minutes are on the table in the social hall.

*Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice.  
Let your reasonableness be  
known to everyone.  
The Lord is at hand.  
Philippians 4:4-5*

**Midweek Advent Services:** Our Midweek Advent services begin on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM. Our Midweek Advent worship will focus on the theme, "Rejoice: The Lord Is at Hand," based upon Philippians 4:4-5. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 PM.

- Dec. 4: "Rejoice! The Lord has set up a tent among us."
- Dec. 11: "Rejoice! The marriage supper of the Lamb has come."
- Dec. 18: "Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem."

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday            8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
                      9:15 am    Sunday School  
                      10:00 am   Divine Service  
                      11:00 am   Bible Class

Thursday        6:30 pm    Thanksgiving Service

Sunday            8:00 am    Divine Service @ Glen Ullin  
                      9:15 am    Program Practice  
                      10:00 am   Divine Service  
                      11:00 pm   Bible Class

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

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# ND District LCMS Message in a Pew November 2024

## LCMS ND District Convention 2025

The convention is coming up fast! It will be held January 19-22 at The Grand Hotel in Minot. Decisions made at the district convention help shape the future of our church body and will include what projects and missions are priorities for our District for the next three years.



CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

LCMS ND District convention 2025



Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
North Dakota District

*The Grand Hotel, Minot*

January 19-22, 2025

For the most up-to-date information available, go to <https://www.nodaklcms.org/events/2025-district-convention/>

### **Congregations' Status**

**Pres. Arie Bertsch**

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

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

Crosspointe-Fargo: vacancy (Rev. Chris Waldvogel & Rev. Dave Suelzle).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Daryl Rothchild & Rev. Paul Nelson).

Grace-Carrington: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

Zion-Binford; Grace-Cooperstown: vacancy (Rev. Bob Hill).

Beautiful Savior-Fargo: Associate pastor vacancy.

St. Peter-Devils Lake; Grace-Lakota: vacancy (Rev. Scott Ramey).

St. Andrew-Niagara: vacancy (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Our Savior-Minot: senior and associate pastor vacancies.

St. John-Underwood; Trinity-Hazen: vacancy (Rev. Zelwyn Heide; Rev. Kirk Peters).

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**October 2024**

**INCOME:**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$57,422.40
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$20,097.84)
<b>Net Congregational Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$37,324.56</b>
Other Unrestricted Gifts	3,298.50
1-1-1 Mission Giving	1,366.06
Current gifts/fees for missions	8,584.01
<b>Available Income</b>	<b>\$50,573.13</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth)	\$28,278.75
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	32,424.46
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Christ's Care for Children—Kenya special gift	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)	
<b>Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$60,703.21</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR AUGUST</b>	<b>(\$10,130.08)</b>
Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$5,018.21
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$8,617.99)</b>

I am thankful the District has been blessed in the past by our congregations and members which allows for cash flow for tight months. October included two conferences (pastors and youth) and a celebration. Registration fees do not always come in as quickly as expenses get paid out.

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 October 31, 2024:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$4,115.00/\$5,000.00
Chile Partnership	\$5,435.00/\$10,000.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$2,385.00/\$2,500.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto: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 Give button on [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org) to pick where you would like your donation directed.**