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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

Revelation 22:13

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Entrance Hymn # 532

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Introit

In keeping with his promise 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!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

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 a new earth,

the home of righteousness.

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Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of
the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with
our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation
of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (ESV)

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

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: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (ESV)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the

end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Nicene Creed

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Sermon

“Inherit the Kingdom Prepared For You”

Prayer of the Church

P Even so:

C Come, Lord Jesus!

Offering

The Handchime Choir will ring “It Is Well With My Soul” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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Closing Hymn # 672

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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Betty Hausauer;

† Nikki Stevens, who travels back to the United States from her missionarywork in Kenya on November 22nd.

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance

Worship: 127 Offering: \$2,732.51

In our Epistle lesson St. Paul affirms that because of the resurrection of Jesus we are changed people who seek to use all we are and have to give a bold witness to the hope we have in Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus have changed all of human history and we are privileged to be His agents who proclaim this change in a world darkened by sin!

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 words of St. Paul, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:19). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Voters Meeting is this morning, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2012 budget.

Today in Sunday School the lesson is Manna, water, and quail. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Talk to your children about how sin causes us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have. Speak of Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst. Review together the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

"You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing (Ps. 145:16)." We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 23rd, 7:00 pm. *Please note that this is a time change from the November calendar.*



"God Loves Me Dearly": The theme of our mid-week Advent services will come from the well-loved children's Christmas hymn "God Loves Me Dearly." Our mid-week services begin Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served before worship, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Early Deadline: Please have any information you need included in next Sunday's bulletin turned into the Church office no later than 9:00 am, Wednesday, November 23rd as the Church office will be closed on Friday, November 25th.

Christmas Program Director: We are in need of a director for the Children's Christmas Program. If you are interested in being the director, please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor Heller.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Everyone is welcome to attend the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24th, 11:00 am — 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 5th Street NW, Beulah, ND. Please call the church office at 873-4397 by Monday, November 21st if you have more than five in your group, if you need a ride to dinner or would like a meal delivered.



Church Decorating: Everyone is invited and encouraged to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Wednesday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare for the season of joy!

Mark your calendars for the LWML Family Advent Potluck on Sunday, December 4th at 12:00 noon.



Christmas Basket Silent Auction continues until December 18th. This is a great fundraiser for the LYF. Baskets are on display in the fellowship hall. It is not too late to bring a basket.

The LYF will be holding a Christmas Decoration Drive for The Lutheran Disaster Response Team during the month of November. A red tote for the items is in the Narthex. Items will be sent to Minot the first week of December. We will get more information on where the items will go and if it is to a family or families or to a church.

Thank you to Jamey Backus, Cliff Helm, Marv Kuschel, & Terence Schmidt for their work remodeling the bathroom at the parsonage.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Voters Meeting
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild

Wednesday 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service

Friday Church office closed

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 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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