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The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*"Behold, your house is forsaken.
And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say,
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Luke 13:35*

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 725

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
 **and the reproaches of those who reproach you have
 fallen on me.**

O God, why do you cast us off forever?
 **Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of
 your pasture?**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which
you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

**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 the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Kyrie p. 152 *[spoken]*

Hymn of Praise *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty
power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and
from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:8-15 (ESV)

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had
commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the
prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why
have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be

like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

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: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Return to the Lord p. 157 **[spoken]**

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You." And He said to them, *"Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course. Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "*

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 708

Sermon Another Shiloh?

Prayer of the Church

Offering

"What Shall I Render" p. 159 *[spoken]*

Service of the Sacrament p. 160 *[spoken]*

Sanctus p. 161

Agnus Dei p. 163 *[spoken]*

Distribution Hymn # 498, 619

"Thank the Lord" p. 164

Post-Communion Collect p. 166

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 748

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.

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 sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, "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 in Sunday school students learn that as Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy, Jesus forgives and heals us from the sickness of sin and death. Discuss how in faith we respond with thankful hearts, praising Him for His love for us. Talk about what it means to be healed of our sin-sickness. How do we thank God for His grace? Consider the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

Our Voters Meeting will be this morning immediately after worship.



Restore the Roar! Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served by the Council at 5:30 pm.

A Baby Shower in honor of Savannah Elkins will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00 am at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 2012 Central Ave N, Beulah. Please RSVP to Nicole Buchmann, 880-9160 if you plan to attend. Savannah is registered at Amazon.com and Target.



Relay for Life Team, SMC's Dream Team, is serving a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 3rd at the Hazen City Hall, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. This fundraiser will benefit the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer, and also benefits those who have cancer through the many programs offered. We will also be selling knitted ruffle scarves and greeting cards. Please come, share a home cooked meal, fellowship and help your community. Free will offering.

Understanding Grief Support Group sponsored by Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice will begin a 10-week session beginning Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Meetings will be held at the SMC Hospice Office. Please call 748-7380 for more information or to register. RSVP by March 8th.

The Kenya Task Force is now accepting applications for the next Mary Okeyo Scholarship Trip to Kenya. The trip will take place sometime between May 27th and June 15th. We are looking for 18-28-year-olds from North Dakota and Minnesota-North District congregations who would like to spend 7-10 days traveling in Kenya with a Lutheran Deaconess, visiting Project 24 Rescue Centers (orphanages), and seeing other sights. Airfare is covered by the Mary Okeyo Scholarship Fund, individual travelers are responsible for cost of passport, vaccinations, travel within Kenya, food and lodging during the trip. Applications and more information can be found at the ND District Website: <http://nodaklcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Kenya-Purpose-and-Application.pdf>. One pastor and one layman can go on the trip. February 28, 2013 is the application deadline.



We are the North Dakota District...

One of our three main areas of focus in our District work together is the **Faithful Pastors** Standing Committee, chaired by Rev. Tom Eckstein. His Task Forces are: Witness, Mercy, Life Together chaired by Rev. Mike Kessler, Lutheran Education chaired Mrs. Kristen Nistler, and Doctrine and practice chaired by Rev. David Wagner. Why do you think these areas of focus are so important in the life of the Church in the North Dakota District? Please pray for and give these people your encouragement and willingness to serve when called upon.

President Baneck



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 135 Offerings: \$3,059.00

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!” God chose Jerusalem to be the city where His Temple would stand and His people would worship Him. But Jerusalem was not faithful—they would not listen to the prophets, to the Word of God. The fate of Jerusalem stands as a constant reminder to Christians to heed the Word of the Lord. For the Lord means to bless our faithfulness to His Word, and departing from His Word can only bring disaster.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - Council
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for March calendar
	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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