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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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"Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21:28b

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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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: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13 (ESV)

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we

would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:5-28 (ESV)

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, *"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."* And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, *"See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."*

Then He said to them, *"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."*

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and

be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Nicene Creed	p. 158
Hymn of the Day	# 508 (st. 1-4, 7)
Sermon	The Lord is Faithful
Prayer of the Church	
Gracious Lord, stretch forth Your mighty arm, and make us fit partakers of Your heavenly treasures.	
Offering	
<i>The Handchimes will ring "Above All" during the gathering of our morning offerings.</i>	
"What Shall I Render"	p. 159
Service of the Sacrament	p. 160
Distribution Hymns	# 673, 631
"Thank the Lord"	p. 164
Post-Communion Collect	p. 166
Benediction	p. 166
Closing Hymn	# 801

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 this morning. As the Church year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is good news for us. When Christ returns, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Voters Meeting is this morning after worship. Among items of business will be election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2014 budget.



Baby Shower: A baby shower for Tayton Neuberger, son of John & Shantel Neuberger is today at 2:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship hall. The entire congregation is invited to attend the shower to welcome Tayton into the Family of Concordia.



“You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing (Psalm 145:16).” We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Thursday, November 28, 8:30 a.m.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, September council minutes, Pray for Us calendar and *Happy Times* for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

LYF will be sponsoring their annual Christmas Basket Silent Auction beginning Sunday, November 24th and running through Sunday, December 15th. This fundraiser helps support our activities at the Church and outside of the Church. It also helps defray the cost of those wanting to attend camps or LYF District or National events. Anyone can bring a basket of items to be put up for auction. There are empty baskets at the Church if you need one. Please call Vicky Yeager, 873-5647 if you have questions.



In our thoughts and prayers,

† Alice Battest (Doug Neuberger's mother-in-law), George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn's grandfather) & Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother);
† Justin & Lacy Korbyn, on the birth of a son, Kollen Jason;
† Tiffany Scherer & Nikki Stevens, scheduled to arrive home November 20th after serving in Kenya as part of an LCMS Medical Missionary Team.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Offerings: \$2,303.00

“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard—but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection as we look back on our earthly life, what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask of ourselves in this season of the church Year that focuses on the Last Things.

We are the North Dakota District...

We have a real gem in *The Lutheran Witness*. This is our official Lutheran journal, filled with easy-to-read, informative, inspiring articles of faith and life. The North Dakota District places a 4-page insert in our Lutheran Witness. It includes an article from the District and news from around the District. If you want to know more of what's going on in the District and Synod—subscribe now!

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:00 pm	Neuberger Baby Shower
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 st -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 nd -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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