

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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All Saints' Sunday



*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.*

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!

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.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your

faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and

godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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.

The Handbell Choir will ring "For All the Saints" following Gradual.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

The Assembly of the Godly

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchimes will ring “Just As I Am” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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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

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Lamoine Beling (brother of Gayleen Briggs), Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Bob Schriefer, Delphine Traxel, & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

Welcome to worship as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. The Lord's Church celebrates All Saints' to remember those who have died in the faith. We remember the grace of God in bringing them to faith and in preserving them in that faith in every joy and sorrow of earthly life. Especially, we remember how they served God, even in the face of persecution, even death. We do not worship the saints, pray to them, or ask them for help in living a Christian life. But, we do honor their memory and we pray that God would give us grace to imitate them in all virtuous and godly living. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Please join us for bars/cookies and coffee following worship this morning.

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17).

Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

Council Members, we will meet this Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 pm.

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and September Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.



Christmas cards will be on sale before and after church services. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks may be made out to LWML.

Thank you to all who helped make Truck or Treat a huge success! We especially thank those who donated candy and who handed out candy.

Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 15, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2016 budget. The nominations for Church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Unapproved minutes from the February 22, 2015, voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Please join us on Sunday, November 15th, 11:00 am for a noon meal following the Voters Meeting. All food will be furnished by the Thrivent Action Team Project and LWML members. There will be a free will offering to help pay for the church roof.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 114 Offerings: \$2,494.00

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven....” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

We are the North Dakota District – Today is All Saints’ Day. For centuries, this has been a great festival in the life of the Church. While we certainly do not pray to saints, we do remember those Christians who have gone before us, for which their labors rest. However, living, repentant, believing Christians, redeemed in the blood of the Lamb, are also saints in the Lord. Dear saints in Christ, rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ!

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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