

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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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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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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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 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

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."

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 663

Sermon "The Ruler of Kings On Earth"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchimes will ring "Give Thanks" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 673, 621

"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.

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), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);
- † Doug & Susan Neuberger, on the birth of a grandson, Joseph Douglas;
- † Tamara Bogo & Family, on the death of her daughter, Robi.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 175 Offerings: \$1,755.00

“For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they 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 ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

Welcome on the Last Sunday of the Church Year. At the end of the Church year, our worship focuses on the 2nd Coming of Christ. Today, our worship focuses on the time after Christ returns in glory to reign as our King. Jesus is truly *“the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings on earth”* (Rev. 1:5). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

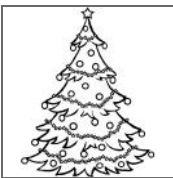


Christmas cards will be on sale before and after church services. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks may be made out to LWML.



“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 the blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.

Roof Fund Update: At the Thrivent dinner last Sunday, \$2,136.88 was given in free-will offering to help pay for the church roof. Next Sunday, homemade crafts will be available for purchase in the social hall. One-half of the proceeds of the sales will go towards the roof fund.



Advent & Christmas Decorating: Next Sunday, November 29, please join us after Sunday School & Bible class to help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas.

“The Saints of December”, will be the theme of our mid-week Advent services. Our mid-week services will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd, and continue the 9th & 16th. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm and worship will follow at 6:30 pm.

The Children's Christmas program will be on Christmas Eve this year. If you would like your child(ren) to have a part in the program, please let Anne Rosenow know so that she can make sure they have a part. Practice schedule and time of the program will come out later. Thanks!

Bulletin & Calendar: Please have all information for next Sunday's bulletin and the December calendar to the church office by 9:00 am Wednesday, November 25th, as the church office will be closed Friday, November 27th.

We are the North Dakota District – Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! During this week, we often rightly think about the things we have been given by God to support this body and life: clothing and shoes, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all that we have, along with our body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses. As Christians, we also remember God's gift of life and salvation, forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus Christ. Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

President Baneck



† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Wednesday 9:00 am Deadline for December calendar information
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
10:15 am Advent/Christmas Decorating
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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