

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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

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Introit

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.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

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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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 Lesson: 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.

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.

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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."

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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 Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Elsie Buchmann, Carey Fischer, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Larry Hartman, Jordis Heller (mother of Pastor), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† Edna Hafner, on the death of her sister;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;

† President Baneck, who has accepted a call to be the Executive Director for Pastor Education for the Synod;

† Our nation, in light of the elections this week, that the leaders we elect serve with faithfulness in the offices committed to their care.

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, often 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 following worship for cookies/bars & coffee.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness" (2 Tim. 4:8). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a study of 2 Timothy.

Adult Instruction: Our adult instruction class will continue Monday, November 7, 7:00 pm. Anyone desiring to become a communicant member of Concordia or learn more about the Christian faith is invited to join us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk to Pastor Heller.

Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 20, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2017 budget. Nominations are posted on the bulletin board and unapproved minutes from the February 21, 2016, meeting are also on the table in the social hall. Potluck brunch will follow the voters meeting.

Children's Christmas Program: Katlyn Dschaak will be our director this year. Practice for the children's program will begin on Sunday, November 20th. The program will be Sunday, December 18th.

Christmas cards are on sale in the social hall. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks should be made out to LWML.



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

The November calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, September council minutes and unapproved minutes from the February voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Concordia Family: As some of you may already know, Concordia has begun making meals for people in need, whether is be from an illness or recovering from a hospital stay. Marv & Lori Kuschel, Carey Fischer and Elsie Buchmann have been added to the meal list. Kristi Stevens will set up a schedule and be the contact person. She can be messaged on Facebook or call 873-5841 or 870-1117. Please use disposable containers for the meals instead of them having to return containers. If you know of anyone else who should be added to the list, please also let Kristi know. Thank you.

Marv & Lori Kuschel send a huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who have been so kind to share dinners with them. This is so appreciated. God’s Blessings to all of you.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 121 Offerings: \$2,771.50

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” You only hunger and thirst for what you don’t have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT – You will notice the word “Winkel” on the District calendar hanging in the church. “Winkel” means corner, as the pastors from each circuit get together each month “in their corner,” so to speak. This is a time for peers to encourage one another in the study of God’s Word and topics relating to the office of the public ministry. Supporting your pastor in attending these Winkels is a part of his call and the congregation’s commitment to your pastor’s overall health and welfare. Pastor Baneck, DP

“What are ways I could serve/be serving in the church?”

According to the Bible, every Christian has been given at least one spiritual gift to use in service to the body of Christ.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:10-11; compare Ephesians 4:11-16).

So, an important step in determining how to best serve in the church is for us to discover what our spiritual gifts are. Of course, we don't have to know what our gift is before we start getting involved in the church. In fact, we often discover our gifts in the process of serving. The spiritual gifts are listed in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-11, 28.

There is a difference between the Body of Christ universal (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) and the local church Christians attend for corporate worship (Hebrews 10:25). But there is no difference in how Christians ought to use their spiritual gifts, because serving God is a twenty-four-hour proposition, not a Sunday-only enterprise. All Christians everywhere should be serving God in their local churches and looking for opportunities to serve outside the walls of a church building (2 Corinthians 12:12-13). It may be difficult to discover which spiritual gift(s) God has bestowed, but it's better to serve somewhere than nowhere (Romans 12:11). Often, the discovery of gifts becomes more clear in the doing—as we serve in various jobs, we learn what we are good at and what we have a heart for (1 Chronicles 28:9).

Richard Simenson, Stewardship Chairman

† 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 @ Holy Cross, Bismarck
	7:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	10:15 am	Knife River Care Center Communion
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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