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Last Sunday of the Church Year



*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.*

Revelation 22:13

DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn of Invocation

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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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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."

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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."

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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,

† Darrell Bernsdorf (Savannah Elkins' grandfather),
Kent Larson, Casey Voigt, & Brenda Weigum;

† Rev. Nathan Schieber, installed today as pastor of our
sister parish, St. John's, Underwood/Trinity, Hazen.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year comes near its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord 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 comes again, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Bible Class: Please join us as we continue our study of the book of Ecclesiastes

Advent Potluck: Please join us for Advent potluck on Sunday, December 2nd, 12:00 pm. Ham and buns will be furnished, and congregation members are asked to bring a potluck dish. A free will offering will be taken for our seminary student.



Christmas Program: The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 23, 10:00 am. We will begin practice for the Christmas program next Sunday, December 2nd, during the Sunday School hour. Parents, please let Anne Rosenow know if your child(ren) will be in the program, so she can give them a part.



Advent Meals: We are going to change the way we do the Wednesday fellowship meals during Advent in the effort to involve more people. The three work groups will be preparing the meals, with Group 1 for December 5th, Group 2 for December 12th, and Group 3 for December 19th. You will be receiving a phone call to be part of the meal for your work group.

Christmas Cards are for sale in the social hall. They are \$4 per box. Please make checks payable to LWML and give the money to Tina Heller.

Greeters are needed for the month December. Please sign-up on the form hanging on the bulletin board.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 132 Offerings: \$2,863.50

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.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 pm	Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for December calendar
	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 pm	Sunday School/Bible Class

