Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane Beulah, North Dakota Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor November 4, 2018

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 # 677 **Confession & Absolution** p. 151

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

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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.

"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."

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Hymn of the Day # 661

Sermon: "With All the Company of Heaven"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

"What Shall I Render p. 159Service of the Sacrament p. 160

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Closing Hymn # 813

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Kent Larson, Rev. Dave Suelzle, & Casey Voigt.

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 quests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and generous donations for Hollyn. We are so grateful to have such an amazing church family.

Hollyn spent six days in the NICU in Bismarck. Her heart went into SVT (Supraventricular Tachycardia), which is a rapid heartbeat that develops when the normal electrical impulses of the heart are disrupted. She is on medication to regulate her heartbeat and will hopefully grow out of this by the time she is one. She will continue seeing the pediatric cardiologist regularly to make sure everything is still going well.

We are so thankful for all of your continued prayers!

Robert, Kate & Hollyn Baker

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 earthy 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!

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

Benefit: There is a Knoephla Soup and Fleischkuechle benefit today from 11 AM - 5 PM at the Civic Center for Amber Rae Keller. Amber has been struggling with complications from Lyme Disease.

Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 18th, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2019 budget. Nominations are posted on the bulletin board and unapproved minutes from the February 25, 2018 meeting are also on the table in the social hall. Potluck will follow the voters meeting.

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 the blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, Wednesday, November 21, 6:30 pm.

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 and minutes from the September Council Meeting are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

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

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 129 Offering: \$2,807.50

"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 brother and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin

10:00 am Divine Service

11:00 pm Sunday School/Bible Class

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin

10:00 am Divine Service 11:00 pm Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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