

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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13th Sunday after Pentecost



*“Whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for
My sake will find it.”*

Matthew 16:25

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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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and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "*Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.*"

Then Jesus told His disciples, "*If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.*"

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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,

- † Sandy Buchmann, Sandy Femling, & Kim Wolf (Myron & Carrie Hafner's niece);
- † Chris & Deb Bonebrake & family, on the death of Deb's father;
- † For our Sunday School, that God would raise up teachers and bring children to learn of Jesus;
- † For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;
- † Our military personnel, law enforcement and emergency response workers.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 50 Offerings: \$4,478.00

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?”

Matthew 16:26

He who dies with the most toys....is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.



NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

1-1-1 Mission Giving

1 Dollar

1 Baptized Member

1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

WANTED: TEACHERS AND STUDENTS: We are in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School this year. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach Sunday School — a rewarding experience for both students and teachers. Contact Terence Schmidt (873-4898) or Pastor Heller for more information.



Pastor-Elect Josh Reber will be ordained and installed on September 6th, to Shepherd Faith, St. Cloud, MN and Trinity, Clear Lake, MN. There is a card for Pastor-Elect Reber in the social hall from the family of Concordia that you are welcome to sign to pray God's blessings upon him as he assumes the duties of the pastoral office.

Can't make it to worship? *Main Street Living* is on Midcontinent Channel #594 at 10:30 am Sundays. Episodes of *This Is The Life* precede it at 10:00 am.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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**North Dakota District LCMS
Message in the Pew
August 2020**

Church Worker Training Assistance Program (CTAP)

August recalls the startup of schools. Did you know that the ND District offers monetary assistance to LCMS member students who are planning a career in church work and are attending a Concordia college or seminary? This year the District has eight students receiving aid. To receive aid, students must sign an agreement to pay back any funds if they do not stay in LCMS ministry. After the student graduates, each year they work in LCMS ministry is equal to one year of forgiven loan funds. The district is happy to financially support such service. Our ND LWML donates much of their Mite money to help our students. Churches and individuals donate also.

Career plans sometimes change and that is no different for these students. When that happens, the student has an obligation to pay back the funds. When this promise is broken, it is frustrating and not fair to those who do uphold the conditions of the signed agreement. It also leaves less funds to help other students pursuing church work. It is never too late to fulfill the promissory note agreement! If you have questions, please contact us at 701-293-9001.

May God bless our students this year and keep them healthy.

Congregations' Status

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters)

*Your servant in Christ,
ND District President
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Aaron Hambleton is considering a call to St. Paul, Eldora IA.

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**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
July 2020**

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$95,763.52
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(33,517.23)
Other Gifts	324.54
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$62,570.83

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$13,819.63
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	29,542.38
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(2,677.20)
Current gifts given for these missions	(5,127.12)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	\$0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Net Expenses	\$35,557.69
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR JULY	\$27,013.14
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	\$1,400.00
YTD NET LOSS	(\$9,311.89)

After June being the lowest on record, congregational giving was the highest ever for July. All I can say is "God is good!". Summer typically means less giving and on top of a pandemic, we 'numbers people' worry. If your congregation does not already participate in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of July 31, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$2,841.00
Chile Partnership	\$2,366.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

Please keep our school youth, teachers and pastors in your prayers. Donations to help with missions and CTAP are always welcome and can be sent directly to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. Thank you.