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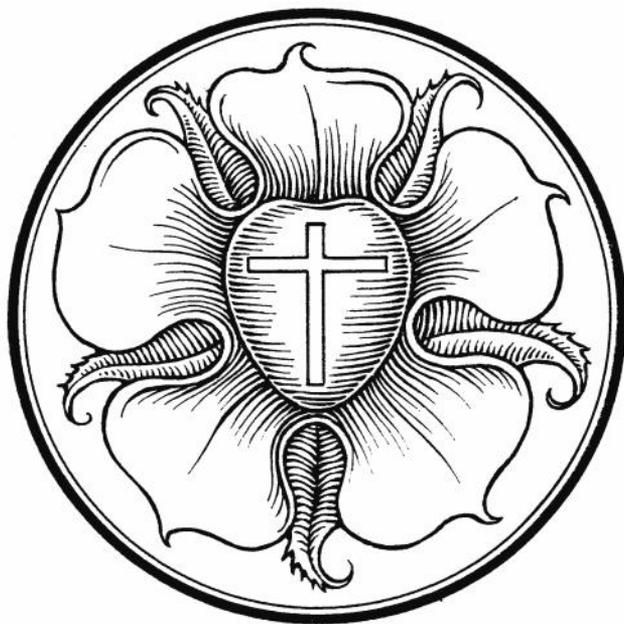
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

October 25, 2020

Reformation



*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Luke 12:32

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.**

**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 shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Gradual

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:12-29 (ESV)

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their

playmates, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 658

Sermon: “Apart from the works of the law”

Prayer of the Church

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 617, 567, 566

“Thank the Lord” p. 164

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Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 655

Introit, Gradual, & Collect from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

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 Femling, Lorraine Sorge, & Kim Wolf,
(Myron & Carrie Hafner’s niece);

† Travis Frey & Family, on the death of Travis’
Grandmother.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 “Protests”) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guestbook and worship with us again soon.

Board of Lay Ministry, we will meet this Wednesday, October 28th, 7:00 pm.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

“For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Co 5:14). As Covid-19 numbers rise in our area, we would ask that you kindly consider your neighbor. Please maintain 6-feet of distance, even as you come to the Lord’s Table to receive the life-giving body and blood of Christ. We would also ask that you would not sit in the marked off pews in order to maintain social distancing.



Nominations: We are in need of people to fill offices on the Church Council. Please talk to Jamey Backus, Kevin Herrmann, or Pastor for more information.

Lay Delegate: We are in need of a lay delegate to represent Concordia and Zion, Glen Ullin, at the District Convention, January 24-27, 2021, in Fargo. If you are interested, please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor.

November Calendar: Please have all items for the November calendar turned in to the office by Thursday, October 29th.

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class
- Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism
 7:00 pm Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 67 Offerings: \$2,213.00

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:36



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.

Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388

Parsonage: 873-4223

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

North Dakota District LCMS Message in the Pew October 2020

CHILE PARTNERSHIP

The Iglesia Luterana Confesional de Chile (ILC-Chile) is a confessional Lutheran church body. ILC-Chile was created in 1954 as a mission, became a legal entity in 1992, yet is not self-sufficient. The church has communities in Santiago, Valparaíso, Viña del Mar, Talca and Constitución.

The North Dakota District supports the mission congregations in the Maule Region. These churches are located in Talca and Constitución. Pastor Omar Kinan holds weekly services at Lamb of God in Talca. Once a month he travels to Concepción, the newest mission congregation in Chile. The Resurrection in Constitución is served weekly by Pastor Adrian Ventura. Students from the North Dakota District painted this beautiful mural on a wall leading to the entrance of the church!



The ILC-Chile responds to the mandate to make disciples in the country. This objective was established by Jesus Christ when he said: "Make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all the things that I have commanded you."

Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to donate funds to this worthy mission of the ND District. At our last convention in 2018, our District voted to support Chile in prayer and financial support of \$25,000/year for a total of \$75,000 for the triennium.

Congregations' Status

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (served by Rev. Aaron Filipik).
Trinity, LaMoure and Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (served by Rev. Chris Brademeyer and Rev. Tom Eckstein).
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. Jonathan Durkopp, Trinity, Adrian, and Trinity, LaMoure, took the call to Zion, Douglas, WY and Our Redeemer, Glenrock, WY.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
September 2020

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$53,765.29
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(18,817.85)
Other Gifts	904.85
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$35,852.29

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$10,867.94
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	35,252.66
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,727.63)
Current gifts given for these missions	(375.00)
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	\$44,017.97
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR SEPTEMBER	(\$8,165.68)
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	\$400.00

YTD NET LOSS (\$30,281.33)

Congregational giving was on the low end of average for September. Fall typically means our people are back to church after a summer of weekend events, but a pandemic means we are still not normal. If your congregation does not already take part 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 September 30, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$3,341.00
Chile Partnership	\$2,916.00

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

Donations for missions and CTAP are appreciated. Send donations to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. Praying you all stay healthy.