

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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2nd Sunday in Lent



"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

Mark 8:34b

SERVICE**Setting Three****Hymn of Invocation**

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Confession & Absolution p. 184**Introit**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the Lord,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

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.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent***Salutation & Collect**

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O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7 (ESV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name

be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“Alleluia” *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of

Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, *"Who do people say that I am?"* And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And He asked them, *"But who do you say that I am?"* Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, *"Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, *"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 and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

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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.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sins, "Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Annual Voters Meeting: Our annual voters meeting will follow worship this morning. Unapproved minutes from the November 15, 2020 Voters Meeting are on the table in the social hall to review and approve.

Lenten Worship: Our attention turns to the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. Judas is present, and we see him in the company of the soldiers arrayed against Jesus, standing in the dark (literally and figuratively), turning the very Son of God over to the chief priests and Pharisees who seek to kill Him. In Judas' betrayal of Jesus, we see our own betrayal of our Savior. Yet, God urges us to return to Him and receive His blessings. Join us for "Return from Betrayal" on Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm.



Main Street Living is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays. On March 7, Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message "A Fool For You," based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

"Thank You" Leeta Aanderud, Pede Winkler, and LWML members for providing cookies during February.

Greeters are needed for the month of March. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The March calendar, birthday & anniversary sheet & minutes are on the table in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School Voters Meeting
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 89 Offerings: \$3,320.00

“And He said this plainly.

And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke him.”

Mark 8:32

Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Divine Service, Setting Three from *Lutheran Service Book*

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North Dakota District LCMS

Message in the Pew

February 2021

HAPPY RETIREMENT ED!!!

Ed Bean has helped people in the North Dakota District with Biblical financial gift planning since 1995. At one time he had his own office along with his own administrative assistant in the District office. Ed is a native LCMS North Dakotan born, raised, confirmed, and married in the Glenburn, ND, area. His is married to Carolyn. They have 2 boys and a daughter, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



In his spare time Ed loves to fish and has been a guide for people on fishing trips to Canada. He also has led bus tours to see the Ark and Creation museum in Kentucky. When the restrictions lift, he hopes to continue doing both.

Ed officially retired on January 31, 2021. Because of COVID and the need to social distance, he is continuing to work with several families here in ND.

Ed has the philosophy that it doesn't feel like work when you love what you do. He has truly enjoyed all the people he has had the privilege to work with. Even in his retirement he will be glad to answer your questions. Just call the District office and we can forward a message to him. The District wishes you well, Ed. May the fish always bite!! God be with you.



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).

Lovingly let God guide you to send donations for Chile, CCK or other missions. Send to ND District, PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106.

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

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS

Financial Information

January 2021

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$156,443.73
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(84,087.80)
Other Gifts	2,116.95
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$74,472.88

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$31,598.63
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	31,524.61
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(4,292.62)
Current gifts given for these missions	(7,885.09)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	10,000.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	25,000.00

(These missions were voted on by the District Convention.

They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)

Net Expenses	\$85,945.53
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR JANUARY	(\$11,472.65)
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$36,846.38
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$20,787.64

At first glance, it may not look like January was a good month, but it was! Student financial aid and International Missions were paid out. Much of those expenses were covered by previous restricted gifts. Online giving makes a big difference when your members are not able to attend church. If your congregation does not 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 January 31, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$9,734.70
Chile Partnership	\$8,896.00

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