

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost



*"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Luke 14:11

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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!

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

813 (st. 1-5)

Confession & Absolution

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Introit

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to God of Jacob.

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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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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: Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"* But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, *"Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?"* And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding*

feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, *"When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 842

Sermon: The Humility of Jesus

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

Distribution Hymns: # 620 (st. 1-4), 628 (st. 1-4), 789

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Closing Hymn # 837



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✠ Our sick & recovering, Lonny Chapman (cousin of Leeta Aanderud), Myron Hafner, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Hannah Schantz, Ray Sorge, & Michelle Wolf;
- ✠ Steve & Amy Bieber, on the death of Amy's uncle, Ken Mickelson;
- ✠ For a bountiful harvest, that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catechism Information Meeting: Parents, our information meeting for Catechism will be Wednesday, September 3rd, 6:30 pm. You should have received a letter with more information.



Sunday School begins Sept. 7th. Pancakes will be served to the students on the 7th to celebrate the beginning of Sunday School. All children are welcome to join us. We are also in need of teachers. If you are willing to help, please talk to Terence Schmidt.

Custodian: Because of an injury to our custodian, we are in need of someone to fill in temporarily. If you would be willing to help or have questions, please talk to Jamey Backus, 880-0621.



Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat: Please join us September 26 – September 28 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. Sean Daenzer, is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile. Registration forms are on the LWML table in the fellowship hall.



Watering Flowers: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for watering the flowers at Church. Please note that the dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall if you are interested in bringing treats for Sunday coffee hour.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin
 10:00 am Divine Service

Monday CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 6:30 pm Catechism Information Meeting

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Happy Labor Day. I give thanks to God for all who toil and labor for the good of their neighbor. Our vocations give shape to our love. A mechanic loves his neighbor by fixing and maintaining his neighbor's vehicles. A teacher loves her neighbor by teaching her students that they will grow in knowledge and wisdom. A farmer loves his neighbor by growing his crops so that his neighbor will have food for his table. A mother loves her neighbor by nurturing and providing for her children. I thank God for all Godly vocations and the people who occupy them.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew
August 2025
Back to school

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all students, teachers, and staff in our Lutheran and public schools as they begin a new year. Protect them with your mighty hand. Grant that they may grow in wisdom & knowledge and be nurtured through the faithful study of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Congregations' Status

Pres. Mark Chepulis

St. Peter-Belfield: vacancy.

Redeemer-Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Crosspointe-Fargo: extended a call to Rev. Joel Luckemeyer, Shepherd of the Valley-Oceanside, CA (Rev. Chris Waldvogel & Rev. Dave Suelzle).

Christ Lutheran Parish-Garrison, Max, Underwood, Rural Hazen: Rev. David Vandercook, Maumelle, AR has returned the call (Rev. Daryl Rothchild & Rev. Paul Nelson; Rev. Matt Thompson; Rev. Jeremiah Olson).

Grace-Carrington: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

Zion-Binford; Grace-Cooperstown: vacancy (Rev. Bob Hill).

St. Peter-Devils Lake; Grace-Lakota; St. Andrew-Niagara: Rev. Joseph McCalley returned the call (Rev. Scott Ramey; Rev. Craig Fenske).

Immanuel-Grand Forks: associate pastor vacancy.

Our Savior-Cavalier; St. Paul-St. Thomas; Redeemer-Langdon: Candidate Aaron Parkhurst will be installed on August 24 (Rev. Dan Provost & Rev. Adrian Toms).

St. John-Hillsboro; Trinity-Hope: vacancy (Rev. Chris Waldvogel; Rev. Dan Provost).

St. Matthew-Hazen: vacancy (Rev. Zelwyn Heide).

St. Paul-Beach: vacancy (Rev. Greg Lucido).

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. David Laue, Redeemer-Grand Forks; First-East Grand Forks has returned a call to Grace-Nimrod; Zion-Sebeka, MN.

Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter-Hannover; Zion-New Salem, returned a call to Zion-Annandale, MN.

Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior-Fargo, is considering a call to St. Luke-Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter-Hannover; Zion-New Salem, is considering a call to Our Savior-Ephrata, WA.

Rev. Adam Filipek, Holy Cross & Immanuel-Lidgerwood, returned a call to Bethlehem-Yakima; Peace-Selah, WA.

Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel-Wahpeton, accepted a call to Peace-Des Moines, IA.

Rev. Christopher Durham, Redeemer-Lisbon, accepted a call to Wittenberg Chapel-UND Campus.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
July 2025

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$53,598.79
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$18,759.58)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$34,839.21
Other Unrestricted Gifts	4,666.96
1-1-1 Mission Giving	627.43
Current gifts/fees for missions	3,116.15
Available Income	\$43,249.75

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth)	\$24,098.16
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	38,248.94
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$25,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$10,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Current Expenses	\$62,347.10

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR JULY	(\$19,097.35)
Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$12,896.01
Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$19,153.79)

Congregational Giving was lower than average, but typical of a summer month. There were a couple of larger, one-time expenses that were paid out in July.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts/payments made to these missions as of July 31, 2025:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$1,655.00/\$7,400.00
Chile Partnership	\$7,754.00/\$10,435.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$531.00/\$2,731.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at tami.ulland@nodaklcms.org or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.