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Last Sunday of the Church Year



*"Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Luke 23:43

✠ In the name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship this morning! On this Last Sunday of the Church year, we are reminded that Christ is our King. He established His kingdom through His passion and death. He now rules and protects His Church and governs over all the world, especially for the benefit of His Church. We rejoice in the word of St. Paul, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom" (2 Ti 4:19). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Divine Service **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 532

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Introit

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and earth!

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.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

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Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Gradual

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.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 23:27-43

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "*Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!*" But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do You not fear God, since You are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "*Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*"

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



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.*



In our thoughts and prayers,

✝ Our sick & recovering, Jim Gegelman, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Hannah Schantz, & Ray Sorge.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23, 2025

Pastor Heller will be on vacation November 25 – December 1. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.

Luther Seal Shirts: The LYF is selling Luther Seal Shirts. Short sleeve is \$22 and long sleeve is \$27. Please see any LYF member to order. If you are paying by check, please make it out to the Church.



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good (Ps 118:1). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all our blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, Wednesday, November 26th, 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar: LWML Advent Potluck is Sunday, December 7th.



“Christ is Royal David’s City”: Our Children’s Christmas program will be Sunday, December 21st, 10:00 AM. Please let Anne Rosenow know if your child(ren) will be in the program. Thank you!

During the month of November donations of Thanksgiving meal canned goods will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave items in the entryway shelves.

Summit Recovery has partnered with Western Great Plains food bank to help those in need. Some resources come from Western Great Plains food bank, but donations also are needed and appreciated. There is a box in the entry way for donations of non-perishable food items.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our sister in the faith, Wilma Hausauer. Christian Burial was Monday, November 17, 2025. *“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades” (Re 1:17-18).*



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

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Service
Friday	9:00 am	Deadline for December calendar items
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service

November 23: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) was a bold defender of the faith and wrote two of the most well-known hymns in the Lutheran tradition: *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying* (today's Hymn of the Day) and *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*. Many hymn writers wrote a multitude of hymns, of which a handful stood the test of time; but Nicolai only wrote these two hymns, and they received the monikers the King and Queen of the Lutheran Chorales, respectively. As you sing the King of the Lutheran Chorals today, focus on the joyous anticipation of the Church, pictured in the hymn as Jerusalem, virgins, and Zion, at the coming of the Bridegroom Jesus.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President