

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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November 30, 2025

1st Sunday in Advent



*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Psalm 24:7*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Advent, the time of the Church year which prepares us to welcome our King, Jesus, at His birth. We prepare by repenting, being sorrowful for our sin and believing in Christ Jesus for forgiveness. Our sin was the reason Jesus was conceived, born, suffered, crucified, and died. As we mourn our sin, our hearts look forward to the joy of Christmas, when our King comes to save us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Divine Service **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 343

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Advent*

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they

shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 24:36-44

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Nicene Creed	p. 158	Service of the Sacrament	p. 160
Hymn of the Day	# 332 (st. 1-4)	Distribution Hymns:	# 628, 350, 341
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Prayer of the Church		Closing Hymn	# 331 (st. 1-4)

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.

I pray that you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with all the accoutrements of this time of year: food, hearth, and home. Of the things for which we should be thankful to the Lord, there is no end. Thank God for them; it is our duty, after all. Not just for one day out of the year, but every day. What God has done for us in Christ, our hearts can't contain, our thanks and praise can't possibly express. Our cups runneth over. God be praised.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, Pastor Sperry, for leading worship this morning.



Help us decorate for Advent and Christmas! Join us as we decorate the Church on Monday, December 1st, 1:00 pm.

LWML Advent Potluck: You are invited to join us for Advent Potluck next Sunday, December 7th, following worship. Ham and buns will be furnished. We will have a freewill offering for our adopted Seminary student, Nicholas Totenhagen.

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.

"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!



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

The December calendar and birthday and anniversary sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Decorations are an important part of our celebration of Christmas. We spend hours putting up lights, ornaments on our evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel, presents are put under the tree, and we "deck the halls with boughs of holly." Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church's season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we will reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the crèche (nativity scene). On Christmas, we will focus on the wrapped presents, which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Please join us as we begin our midweek Advent services on Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Monday	1:00 pm	Church decorating
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - Group 1
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Advent Potluck

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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LCMS ND District - Message in the Pew

November 2025

THANK THE LORD AND SING HIS PRAISE!

It's that time of year again, time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. As God's people, daily we have ample opportunity to give thanks to God for His rich blessings.

Let us pray that God will lead us to recognize and give thanks for what's before us, and grant to us a faith that looks to our God for all good things. The Lord Jesus died on the cross; therefore, He also "richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support body and life." Thanks be to God!



VACANCY:

Around the District

- St. Paul-Beach *Rev. Greg Lucido*
- St. Peter-Belfield *vacant*
- Redeemer-Grassy Butte *Rev. Mike Wolters*
- St. Matthew-Hazen *Rev. Zelwyn Heide*
- Immanuel-Wahpeton *Rev. Anthony Ahrendt*
- Redeemer-Lisbon *Rev. Mike Grieve*
- Christ Lutheran Parish-Garrison, Max, Underwood, Rural Hazen
Revs. Rothchild, Nelson, Heide
- St. Peter-Devils Lake // Grace-Lakota // St. Andrew-Niagara
Revs. Ramey & Fenske
- Crosspointe-Fargo *Rev. Dave Suelzle*

CALLS EXTENDED/ACCEPTED:

- St. John-Hillsboro // Trinity-Hope *Revs. Waldvogel, Bodin, Provost* **call returned by Rev. Paul Doellinger, Cassopolis, MI**
- Immanuel-Grand Forks **associate call extended to Rev. Chad Berg, Menahga, MN**
- Grace-Carrington **call accepted by Rev. Tom Eckstein**
- Zion-Binford // Grace-Cooperstown **call accepted by Rev. Bob Hill**

LCMS ND District - Financial Report

October 2025

INCOME:

Congregation Mission Giving	\$76,965.12
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$26,937.79)
Net Congregation Mission Giving	\$50,027.33
Other unrestricted gifts	\$2,746.24
1-1-1 Mission giving	\$1,814.42
Current gifts/fees for missions	\$3,294.84
Available Income	\$57,882.83

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities	\$15,687.55
<i>Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth</i>	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	\$37,769.07
<i>Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors</i>	
Convention Resolution Mission Payments	\$0
Current Expenses	\$53,456.62

NET OPERATING INCOME FOR OCTOBER	\$4,426.21
Funds previously given used for current expenses	\$163.01
YTD NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$17,452.81)

CONVENTION RESOLUTION MISSIONS YTD GIFTS // PAYMENTS

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$25,000)	\$5,117 // \$14,155
Chile Partnership (\$25,000)	\$9,654 // \$20,254
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$10,000)	\$2,509 // \$5,531

Gifts from individuals & congregations designated for these missions, established by convention resolutions, are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter.

You can donate directly to the District using your credit/debit card on our website. Click on the GIVE button at nodaklcms.org to direct your donation for the work of your District!

Please contact the District Office if you have any questions.
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