

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Holy Cross Sunday



*Far be it from me to boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship on Holy Cross Sunday. For hundreds of years in the early church, the symbol of the cross was rarely used by Christians because of the need for secrecy (remember, Christianity was an illegal religion for most of that time) and also because of the shame associated with crucifixion. Eventually, the cross was placed on altars in churches because the cross is a sign of salvation and victory. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 421

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, 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.

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he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria In Excelsis p. 204

Salutation & Collect p. 205

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Gradual

"Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
and raise my signal to the peoples," says the Lord.
So must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Holy Gospel: St. John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."*

"Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your Name." Then a voice came from heaven: *"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."* The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered, *"This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself."* He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 548

Sermon: The sign of the cross

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

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Nunc Dimittis p. 211

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Closing Hymn # 560



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), Marv Kuschel, Hannah Schantz, Ray Sorge, & Michelle Wolf;
- ✝ Dave & Melissa Wiebe & Family, as they mourn Jamison's death;
- ✝ For a bountiful harvest, that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God.

Today is Holy Cross Day. As the traditional story goes, on September 14, 320 AD, Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, journeyed to Jerusalem and was shown by the local people the place of Jesus' crucifixion. Today is also a momentous day for the Saints at Trinity - Great Bend, the oldest congregation in the North Dakota District, as the congregation celebrates her 150th anniversary of proclaiming the cross of Jesus. "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2)

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Sarah Guild meeting Monday, September 15th. The next meeting date will be October 20th, 7:00 pm.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our brother in the faith, Jamison Wiebe. Christian Burial was September 13, 2025. *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:27-28).*

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you wish to discontinue your subscription or begin receiving the magazine, please call the Church office or email concordiasecretary@westriv.com by Wednesday, October 7th. Also, if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.



The September Ingathering is warm winter gear, such as mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women's Action & Resource Center.

LWML Rally: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1020 Boundary Street, Mandan, North Dakota is hosting the Southwest Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 4th beginning with registration at 9:15 am. A list of ingathering items is posted on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

✠ THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
	4:00 pm	LYF

Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
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Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
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