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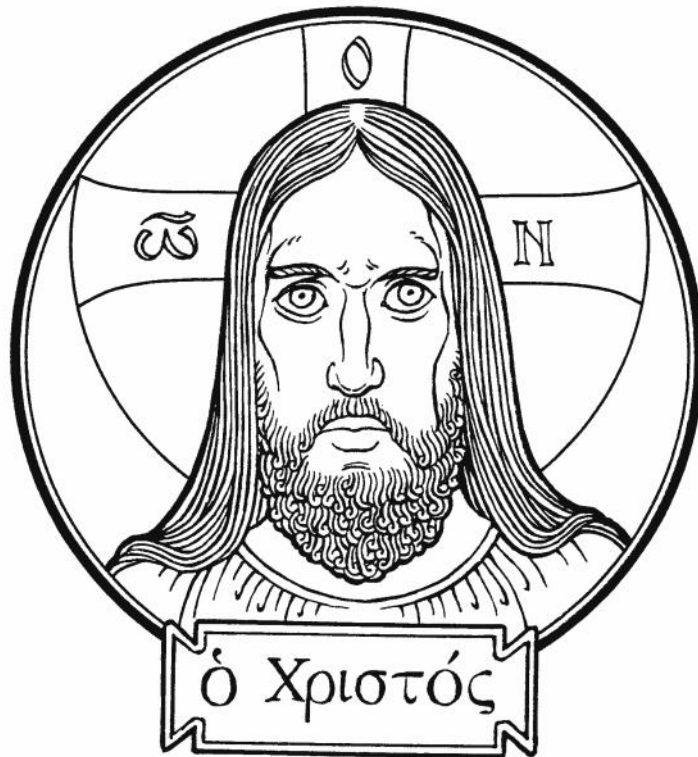
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost



*You are fellow citizens with the saints and members
of the household of God, built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.
Ephesians 2:19b-20*

✠ 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

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. 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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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: Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, *"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"* And they said, *"Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."* He said to them, *"But who do you say that I am?"* Simon Peter replied, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* And Jesus answered him, *"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

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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: Gerald Bieber, Samantha Scheurer (friend of Joslyn Frey) & Kyle Winkler;
- ✝ Our schools, that all good and useful knowledge may flourish and grow;
- ✝ For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

Schools and universities are starting another academic year. God bless the students who are returning to their places of education, and the faculties and staff of each school, college, and university. The Lord grant wisdom and knowledge to those who learn and those who teach, so that all would use these gifts to the benefit of their neighbor.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Watering Flowers: A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall to volunteer to water the flowers. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the entire week following that Sunday. Thank you!



The August Ingathering is “Essentials” such as laundry care products, dish soap, hand soaps and personal hygiene products for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items may be left on the shelves in the entryway.

- Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13th. If you would like your child to attend or volunteer to help, please talk to Terence or Pastor.
- Catechism Planning Meeting for parents and students is Wednesday, September 9th, 6:30 pm.
- Catechism classes begin Wednesday, September 16th.



Mission Fest: Our District President, Rev. Mark Chepulis, will be with us for Mission Festival on October 25th.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Monday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 42 Offerings: \$2,170.00

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

Romans 12:1

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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LCMS ND District - Message in the Pew August 2026

College is a time full of many new things — new campus, new extracurriculars, new friends, and often, the need to find a new church home. In the June/July edition of the Lutheran Witness, Pres. Chepulis offers encouragement and tips for helping young adults stay connected to the Church during their college years.

Read the full article at
<https://nodaklcms.org/blogs/district-president-s-blog/>

VACANCY:

- St. Peter-Belfield *SW circuit pastors*
- Redeemer-Grassy Butte *Rev. Mike Wolters*
- Redeemer-Lisbon *Rev. Mike Grieve*
- Christ Lutheran Parish-Garrison, Max, Underwood, Pick City
Revs. Rothchild, Thompson, Olson, SMP candidate Austin Schmidt
- Crosspointe-Fargo *Rev. Dave Suelzle*
- Zion English - Grafton *Rev. Dan Provost*

CALLS EXTENDED/ACCEPTED:

- St. John-Hillsboro // Trinity-Hope *Revs. Bodin, Provost*
call returned by Rev. Timothy Storck // Chesterfield, MI
- Zion-Edgeley // Bethlehem-Forbes *Rev. Brademeyer & Preus*
call returned by Rev. Tanner Post // Sumner, IA
- St. Matthew-Hazen *Rev. Zelwyn Heide*
call returned by Rev. Timothy Lorenz // Huntington, IN
- St. Paul-Beach *Rev. Greg Lucido*
call returned by Rev. Brock Schmeling // Barney, ND
- Immanuel-Wahpeton *Rev. Anthony Ahrendt*
call returned by Rev. Matthew Johnson // Hamel, MN

PASTORS IN THE DISTRICT:

- Rev. Adam Filipek (Holy Cross & Immanuel-Lidgerwood)
returned the call to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection // Waterville - Hope Lutheran Church // Bangor, ME
- Rev. Brock Schmeling (Trinity-Great Bend // Peace-Barney)
accepted the call to Trinity/Sidney - St. John/Fairview, MT
- Rev. Zelwyn Heide (St. Peter-Hannover // Zion-New Salem)
returned the call to St Paul/Havre - Zion/Chinook, MT
received a call to Faith/Glasgow, Trinity/Plentywood, Trinity/Wolfpoint, MT

As parents begin the process of watching their sons and daughters fly from the nest, let us do all we can to place them into the care of Christ's Church.

And even when so much is "new," Christ is the anchor and the harbor throughout the storms of life. He remains faithful, and He continues to meet His people where He has promised to be found.

Read the full article from
President Chepulis in the June/July 2026
Lutheran Witness District Insert:
nodaklcms.org/resources/lutheran-witness-district-news



LCMS ND District - Financial Report

July 2026

INCOME:

Congregation Mission Giving	\$71,962.18
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$25,186.76)
Net Congregation Mission Giving	\$46,775.42
Other unrestricted gifts	\$5,422.64
1-1-1 Mission giving	\$1,225.00
Current gifts/fees for missions	\$28,737.00
Available Income	\$82,160.06

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities	\$13,167.78
<i>Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth</i>	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	\$49,283.67
<i>Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors</i>	
Convention Resolution Mission Payments	\$0.00
Current Expenses	\$62,451.45

NET OPERATING INCOME FOR JULY	\$19,708.61
Funds previously given used for current expenses	\$163.01
YTD NET INCOME/LOSS	\$23,672.47

CONVENTION RESOLUTION MISSIONS YTD GIFTS // PAYMENTS

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$25,000)	\$4,952 // \$9,625
Chile Partnership (\$25,000)	\$5,065 // \$2,881
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$10,000)	\$1,874.16 // \$3,400

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!

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