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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

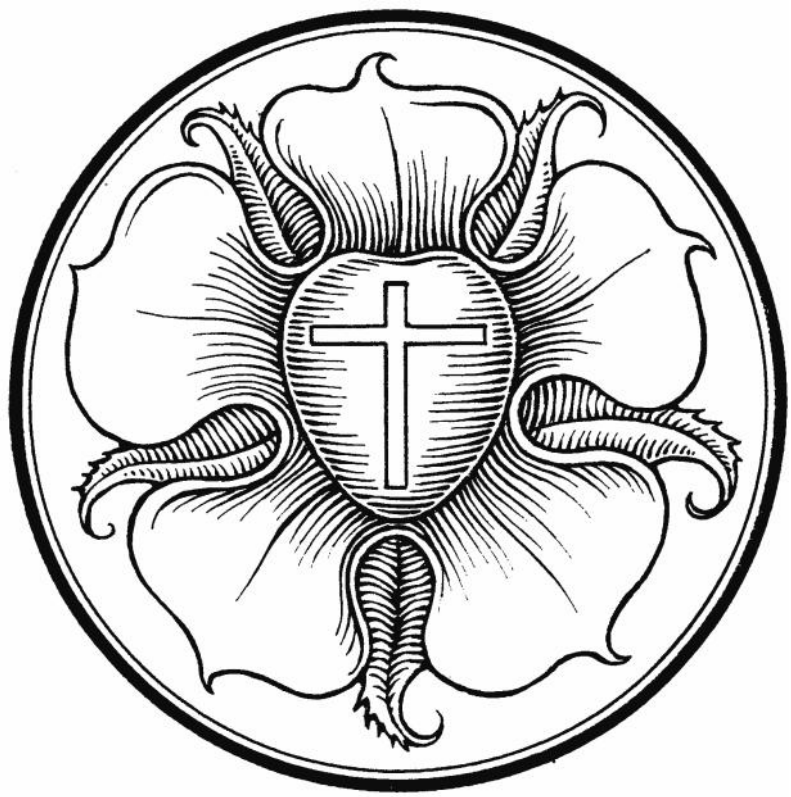
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

October 25, 2026

Reformation



Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

✢ In the Name of Jesus ✢

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 “Protests”) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guestbook and worship with us again soon.

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 656

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
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.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Gradual

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:12-19

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ""We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'"

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 837

Sermon

Offering	
“What Shall I Render”	p. 159
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Closing Hymns	# 832

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.

Most churches are commemorating Reformation Day today. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Though his intention was merely to discuss and debate these 95 points, because of the religious and political climate of the day, these 95 Theses set off a firestorm that has come to be known as the Reformation of the 16th Century. At the center of our theology, indeed, at the center of Christianity, is Jesus Christ, and Him crucified for sinners like us. Let us hold dear Christ, that His Gospel be always in our ears, splashed on our heads, and placed on our tongues.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Announcements

Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 30th, 5:00—6:30 pm. Donations of candy are still welcome. Please join us to hand out candy!



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st. Remember to set your clocks back one-hour Saturday night.



Voters Meeting: Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 8th, following worship. Among the items of business will be election of congregational officers and 2027 budget. Unapproved minutes from the February 22,2026 meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Greeters are needed for November and 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
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Potluck
Monday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for November calendar items
Friday	5:00—6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

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This morning, we welcome our district president, Rev. Mark Chepulis. President Chepulis grew up in Hardin, Montana, where he attended Redeemer Lutheran. After graduating from Hardin High School in 2000, he attended the University of North Dakota for a year and a half before transferring to Montana State University-Billings, where he graduated with a BA in music.

In 2006, he began his seminary studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He served his vicarage at the dual perish of Pilgrim Lutheran-Quimby, Iowa, and Trinity Lutheran-rural Marcus, Iowa. He was called to Our Savior Lutheran-Cavalier, ND, and St. Paul Lutheran-rural St. Thomas, ND, and graduated from seminary in 2010. In 2013, began serving as the vacancy pastor at Redeemer Lutheran-Langdon. In 2015, the three congregations entered into a tri-parish agreement, and he was installed at Redeemer that same year.

He married Amy Sandhurst in 2009, and they have been blessed with four children: Katherine, Eli, Caleb, and Lucia. Rev. Chepulis enjoys spending time with his family, as well as tuning pianos when he has the time.

LCMS ND District - Message in the Pew
October 2026



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Your pastor labors to bring you Christ. His is the voice that Christ uses to proclaim forgiveness into your ears. His are the hands that the Lord uses to place His body and blood into your mouth and to splash the waters of Baptism onto your head. He's there at the most joyous times in your life and he's there in the most sorrowful. God bless the pastors of the North Dakota District!

There are a number of ways you can show your appreciation: monetary gifts, a bottle of his favorite beverage, words of gratitude. But the best way to show appreciation is to be in church and receive the gifts that Christ distributes through your pastor.

Around the District

VACANCY:

- St. Peter-Belfield *SW circuit pastors*
- Redeemer-Grassy Butte *Rev. Mike Wolters*
- Redeemer-Dickinson *Rev. Arie Bertsch*
- Christ Lutheran Parish-Garrison, Max, Underwood, Pick City *Revs. Rothchild, Thompson, Olson, SMP vicar Austin Schmidt*
- Crosspointe-Fargo *Rev. Dave Suelzle*
- Zion English-Grafton *Rev. Dan Provost*
- Trinity-Great Bend // Peace-Barney *Rev. Adam Filipek*
- St. Matthew-Hazen *Rev. Zelwyn Heide*

CALLS EXTENDED/ACCEPTED:

- Immanuel-Wahpeton *Rev. Anthony Ahrendt*
  call issued to Rev. Aaron Hambleton // Eldora, IA
- St. John-Hillsboro // Trinity-Hope *Revs. Bodin, Provost*
  call issued to Rev. Robert Hopkins // Cadott, WI
- Zion-Edgeley // Bethlehem-Forbes *Rev. Brademeyer & Preus*
  call returned by Rev. Peter Haugen // Chatfield, MN
- St. Paul-Beach *Rev. Greg Lucido*
  call returned by Rev. Jakob Berger // Thompson Falls, MT

LCMS ND District - Financial Report

September 2026

INCOME:

Congregation Mission Giving	$43,637.97
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	($15,273.29)
Net Congregation Mission Giving	**$28,364.68**
Other unrestricted gifts	$413.00
1-1-1 Mission giving	$400.52
Current gifts/fees for missions	$351.33
Available Income	**$29,529.53**

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities	$20,943.15
Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	$46,143.58
Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors	
Convention Resolution Mission Payments	$0.00
Current Expenses	**$67,086.73**

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR SEPTEMBER	**($37,557.20)**
Funds previously given used for current expenses	$6,494.83
YTD NET INCOME/LOSS	**($38,821.89)**

CONVENTION RESOLUTION MISSIONS	**YTD GIFTS // PAYMENTS**
Christ's Care for Children - Kenya *($25,000)*	$5,577 // $17,452
Chile Partnership *($25,000)*	$6,290 // $17,565
Shepherd's Hill Retreat *($10,000)*	$4,379.16 // $6,874.16

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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