



The Dakota-Montana District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Dear brothers in Christ:

Christ said during one of his visits to Jerusalem, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink"* (John 7:37). As we prepare for Pentecost, we see how the Lord keeps this promise. We come to him where he promises to be – words and sacraments – and he gives us a water of life and says, you *"will never thirst"* (Jn 4:14). While many people think of District Conventions as a place where we conduct business, it is also a fountain overflowing with this living water. We gather around Jesus, and he refreshes us.

Your brothers in the Dakota-Montana District greet you. We pray that the Lord bless you as you meet and quench your thirst with the good news that Jesus became your sin so that you can be his righteousness.

The Dakota-Montana District meets for its 51st Biennial Convention on June 14-16 at Great Plains Lutheran High School. The theme of our convention is *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come."* We intended to celebrate our 100th anniversary as a District in 2020, but events prevented us from gathering in person, so we postponed that celebration until this year.

Our devotions will turn our hearts and minds to the help and hope that comes from God. Our Convention Divine Service reminds us that a district that spans over 1,200 miles (and made up of sinners born hostile to God) is one in Christ and has been for over one hundred years. Pr. Michael Enderle, our District's 1st Vice-President, will preach on Isaiah 6:1-9a.

Our anniversary celebration will continue with our essays. Pr. Justin Dauck looks to our District's past as we see how God has taken care of us and guided us. Pr. Jonathan Werre will look to the future and remind us to trust in the God who takes care of us and guides us no matter how things change (or stay the same).

God be with you!

Your servant in Christ,

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