



## The Dakota-Montana District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Dear brothers in Christ:

St. Paul tells us, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”* (Colossians 3:16-17). It’s all about the Word of God. It’s always been all about the Word of God. Dr. Luther knew that when he said he did nothing while the Word did everything. Including filling our hearts with the compelling love of Christ.

Even though District Conventions are where we conduct District business, at the same time, they are also where the Word of God dwells in us richly and we do things in the name of Jesus. Here we live out our faith, giving thanks to God for what he has done for us and does through us.

Your brothers in the Dakota-Montana District greet you. We pray that the Lord bless you as you meet in convention, as you let his Word dwell among you, and as you do everything in the name of the Christ who filled your heart with peace by his sacrifice.

The Dakota-Montana District meets for its 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention on June 16-18 at Great Plains Lutheran High School. The theme of our convention is *“Worship the Lord with Gladness.”* Prof. Michael Berg, from Wisconsin Lutheran College, will answer three important questions about worship: *“What is worship? Who does it? How should we do it?”* These questions will show us the human desire for worship. We will unpack how our services tell the story of Christ and how our worship can form or malform us.

Our devotions and Divine Service will give us every reason for worshipping the Lord with gladness. What a gift we anticipate as we prepare to gather together the delegates of our District. May our Savior bless you as you gather around his Word and do his work.

God be with you!

Your servant in Christ,

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