

Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, North Dakota

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

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Most merciful Father, with compassion You hear the cries of Your people in great distress. Be with all who now endure affliction and calamity, bless the work of those who bring rescue and relief, and enable us to aid and comfort those who are suffering that they may find renewed hope and purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Job 30:16-24 (ESV)

"And now my soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have taken hold of me.

The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest.

With great force my garment is disfigured; it binds me about like the collar of my tunic.

God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.

I cry to you for help and you do not answer me; I stand, and you only look at me.

You have turned cruel to me; with the might of your hand you persecute me.

You lift me up on the wind; you make me ride on it, and you toss me about in the roar of the storm.

For I know that you will bring me to death and to the house appointed for all living.

"Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand, and in his disaster cry for help?"

Handbell Choir: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)

There were some present at that very time who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered them, *"Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*

And He told this parable: *"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon: God is Our Refuge and Strength

The 1st Article & Meaning: *What is the 1st Article?*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Solo: "God Bless Our Native Land"

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Announcements

Welcome to worship as we remember 9/11. Today, September 11, 2011, marks the 10th anniversary of the 2001 attacks on our great nation. Today, we remember the tragedy, transition, and triumph of our nation during these years. These attacks, along with all the chaos and strife of earthly life, remind us that “God is our refuge and strength...a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1-2).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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.

Special Music: As part of our worship, our Handbell Choir will ring, “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” and Kelsie Schmidt will sing “God Bless our Native Land.”

Sunday School begins this morning after worship. If you would like to help or have questions, please talk to Terence Schmidt.

Benefit: There is a benefit for Caroline & Curt Brinkman today at the Golden Valley Community Hall. There will be potluck meal from 11:00-1:30 pm and an auction beginning at 1:30 pm (all time CDT). Donations are welcome. Supplemental funding has been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Mercer/Oliver Chapter.

Board of Lay Ministry, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, September 14th, 7:00 pm.

WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER describes what the Church does in this world while living under the shadow of Jesus' cross. These phrases illustrate how the church lives and works together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sister in Christ in our congregations, communities and throughout the world. Please join us for Bible class beginning next Sunday, September 18th, as we grow in grace



Concordia is in need of additional bell and chime ringers. It is fairly easy to learn and you do not need to read music. We will be practicing 30 minutes per week for chimes and 30 minutes per week for bells. For more information contact Cindy Peterson, 948-2273.

The September Human Care Project is collecting personal care products for Women's Action & Resource Center.

The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, July Council minutes and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up any copies you wish.

LWML members, please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1st! The LWML Fall Rally will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, beginning at 10:00 am. More information will follow next week.

Anna Weigum would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and letters she received. It made her birthday even more special to hear from all her Beulah friends.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Barney Baszler, Bernie & Eileen Keller, & Ruth Rueb;
- † Esther Eisenbeis & Family, as they mourn Ray's death;
- † Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 80 Offerings: \$2,477.00

As Christian stewards we pray that the Holy Spirit will use us to encourage and support our fellow Christians as well as being a blessing to others in our communities. We strive with the Spirit's help to build one another up instead of causing offense through our behavior and witness. What a great blessing it is when others see Christ alive in us and the difference that makes!

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Holy Cross, Bismarck
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ KRCC
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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