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Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started,
so he should complete among you this act of grace.*

*But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that
you excel in this act of grace also.*

2 Corinthians 8:6-7

Divine Service

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. 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.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

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Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' " And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 (ESV)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 12:38-44 (ESV)

And in His teaching He said, *"Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."*

And He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich

people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, *"Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

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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.

Welcome to worship as we continue our stewardship focus on the theme **BOLD WITNESSES**. This Sunday, we focus on **BOLD WITNESSES in excelling in the grace of giving**, based upon 2 Corinthians 8:6-7. We show our newness in Christ by living lives free from the love of money and giving to meet our neighbor's needs. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

There will be no Sunday School today.

Mission Update: Please join us after worship this morning for an update on the mission work. There will be a free-will offering.

Curt Melland will be with us during the Bible class hour on October 27th. He will be talking about his trip to the holy land and sharing many pictures with us. Please join us!

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st, 4:30-7:30 pm. Donations of Halloween candy can be placed in the kitchen. Bring your own trunk or join with someone to hand out treats. Halloween costumes are optional. Please consider joining us in the fun!

Carpeting: New carpeting is scheduled to be installed in the social hall beginning on Monday, November 4th. November 1st & 2nd will be work days to remove the old carpeting. We will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, the 1st, & at 9:00 am on Saturday, the 2nd. For more information, please talk to Jean Bornemann, 873-5689.



Need to Elect: The following positions will be open for election this fall: Finance Committee: 1 position; Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions; Chairman of Evangelism; Chairman of Parish Fellowship; Chairman of Public Relations; and Chairman of Young People's Work. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner 948-2534 or Jamey Backus 873-7673.

The October Human Care Project is the collection of white wash cloths for Knife River Care Center. Items can be placed on the shelf in the entryway.

Knife River Chorale: The first rehearsal is today, October 20th, at the Hazen High Music Room, 1-3 p.m. and continues each Sunday. The Chorale concerts will be December 14th & 15th. You are invited to sing!



In our thoughts and prayers,

- † George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn's grandfather) & Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother);
- † For boldness to excel in the grace of giving.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Worship: 133 Offerings: \$2,929.00

'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.' Christian generosity to the Lord's work through our stewardship begins with this realization: We are the sheep of God's pasture, it is He who made us, not we ourselves.

We are the North Dakota District...

Are you either an NDSU or UND fan? Regardless, we all cheer for our campus ministry at both. Pastor Schulz and Immanuel Lutheran Church Fargo, and Pastor Buchhop at Wittenberg Chapel Grand Forks minister to our college children and grandchildren. Your mission dollars to District go toward UND campus ministry, while Immanuel fully funds campus ministry in Fargo. Go team!

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Mission Update
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 st -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 nd -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
Sunday	Reformation Sunday	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*