

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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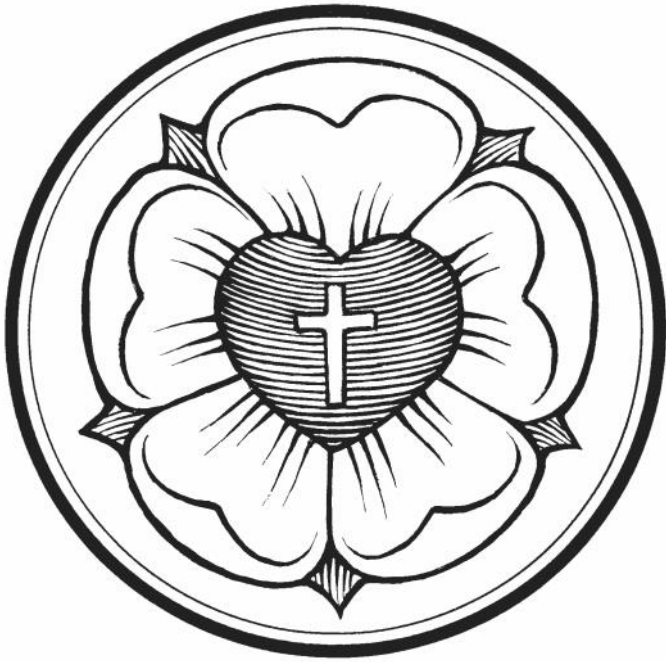
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*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good  
pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

*Luke 12:32*

**Divine Service**

Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 578 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

**Introit:** Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

God is our refuge and strength,

**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam,

**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

**how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

he makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God,

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**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 of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Kyrie** p. 152

**Glory to God** 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 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

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”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 11:12-19 (ESV)

*[Jesus says] 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** # 655

**Sermon:** The Lord of Hosts Is With Us!

**Prayer of the Church**

God, our refuge and strength,  
**hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

**“What Shall I Render”** p. 159

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**Distribution Hymns** # 644, 566, 632

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**Closing Hymn** # 656

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.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn's grandfather),  
Pastor Dean Hartley, & Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's  
brother).

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate Reformation Sunday. 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. As we celebrate Reformation, we pray that God would give us the courage of Luther, that we may be **BOLD WITNESSES**. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Curt Melland** will be with us during the Bible class hour this morning. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will be work days to remove the old carpeting. We will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, & at 9:00 am on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please talk to Jean Bornemann, 873-5689.



The cost of the new carpeting is approximately \$23,000. An initial payment of \$8,000 has been paid. An additional \$8,000 is due on delivery of material (scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>). The final payment is due upon completion of installation around November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominations** for Church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Unapproved minutes from the February 24<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting are on the table in the social hall.



**Daylight-saving time** ends Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

**“Lost Books?”**: Beginning next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin a new Bible study, “Lost Books?”. Our study will look at why the 66 books of the Bible are considered the inerrant Word of God, a trustworthy cover-to-cover revelation from God to man. And, why other texts, such as those made popular by *The DaVinci Code*, are not part of the Bible.

**A benefit fundraiser** for Megan Hyke, daughter of Kelly and Bonnie Hyke, will be held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am—2:00 pm at the Beulah Civic Center. There is a poster on the bulletin board for more information.

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## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Worship: 105 Offerings: \$2,329.00

“Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth.” During the Reformation this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message: we have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part! We are saved by grace alone! And ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works:” because once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for November calendar items
	4:30 –	Trunk or Treat
	7:30 pm	
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### Church Office Hours

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