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O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-30 (ESV)

[22] The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

[23] He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.

[24] And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

[25] When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

[26] Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

[27] And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

[28] Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

[29] Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

[30] So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (ESV)

[14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

[15] and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

[17] that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

[1] I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

[2] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

[3] For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

[4] and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

[5] As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

[1] And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

[2] He said, *"In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.*

[3] And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

[4] For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

[5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' "

[6] And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

[7] And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them?

[8] I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

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Hymn of the Day # 779

Sermon Pray Always and Do Not Lose Heart!

Prayer of the Church

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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.

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Our sick and recovering: Amanda Bauer, Berniece Homuth, Craig Schaan, & Alex Woroniecki.

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School, the lesson recalls the wonderful account of Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 2:11-4:31). Just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God in Christ removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence. Talk with your child about who makes us holy before God. Ask him or her to tell you the story about Moses and the burning bush. What did Moses have to do, and why, in order to be in God's presence? Review the Third Commandment and its meaning from the catechism.



Word: God Speaks to Us Bible class continues this morning after worship. Please join us!

Matt & Angie are working to become missionaries in "10-40 Window" of Central Asia, an area between the latitudes of 10° and 40° north of the equator between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In this "window" are estimated to be 97% of all unreached people groups in the world. To help Matt and Angie, the council is proposing that the congregation give them \$1,000 for 2008. The Council will be discussing this at our meeting this Wednesday. Prayer cards for Matt and Angie are on the table in the social hall. Please take one as a reminder to remember them in your prayers.

Gideons International exists to distribute Bibles throughout the world so that all may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. A representative from the Gideons will be with us after worship on Sunday, October 28th, to tell us more about their work.

LYF of Concordia will be hosting **TRUNK OR TREAT** for Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. You may donate candy for the event by leaving it in the Church kitchen. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun, with or without a trunk. For more information, please contact Steve & Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426 or Kristi Stevens, 873-5841.

Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members are encouraged to vote for Local County Chapter Officers in the fellowship hall today, following services. If you are unable to cast your vote this morning, voting will also take place next Sunday, October 28th.



A Voters Meeting and potluck are planned for Sunday, November 4th. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide supplemental funds in the amount of \$800.



The LYF is planning a trip to the Dickinson Rec Center on Sunday, November 4th. We will leave the Church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Steve and Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.

Pastor Heller has begun serving our sister congregation, Zion, Glen Ullin, during her pastoral vacancy. Worship services at Zion are at 12:00 p.m. (mountain). Pastor Zillinger from St. Peter, Hannover, is serving Zion, New Salem.



The LYF is selling Christian t-shirts as a fundraiser. A full-color brochure and order sheet are on the table in the social hall.

“The Real Story of Creation” books are here in the secretary’s office. If you ordered a copy, please pick it up. The cost of each book is \$12.00. Make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 161 Offering: \$2,211.25

Christian stewards recognize that the inspired Word of God is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. God's Word is also useful for teaching and training so we may be equipped for every good work. Good stewards hear and read the Word of God and keep it!

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Deadline for November newsletter
Friday – Saturday	Women's Bible Retreat @ Shepherd's Hill	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	LWML Zone Rally @ Hannover
Sunday	Reformation Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.

We record both worship and Communion attendance.

Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you love is being abused, hope exists, and help is available through your local domestic violence agency.



What is Domestic Violence?

- ❖ Emotional or verbal abuse is the most difficult form of abuse to identify, and it is very hurtful. It may include personal putdowns, threatening gestures, or controlling activities.
- ❖ Physical abuse includes any unwanted physical contact and may include restraining, pushing, grabbing, choking, pinching, kicking, slapping, punching, or use of a weapon.
- ❖ Sexual abuse occurs when any sexual behavior is unwanted and may include: rape or threats of rape, and this can occur even if there has been prior consenting sexual behavior; any unwanted sexual touching; coercing sex with anger or guilt; or using sexual words for humiliation.

What Can I Say to a Victim of Abuse?

- 1) I am afraid for your safety and the safety of your children.
- 2) You do not deserve to be abused.
- 3) Here is a phone number of a domestic violence agency that can help.

What Are Some of the Resources?

For assistance and support call:

Women's Action and Resource Center
Box 940
Beulah, ND 58523
873-2274

For help with a safety plan: www.shelternet.ca

Remember, use a computer where you are sure that no one is monitoring your internet use.