

Concordia Lutheran Church

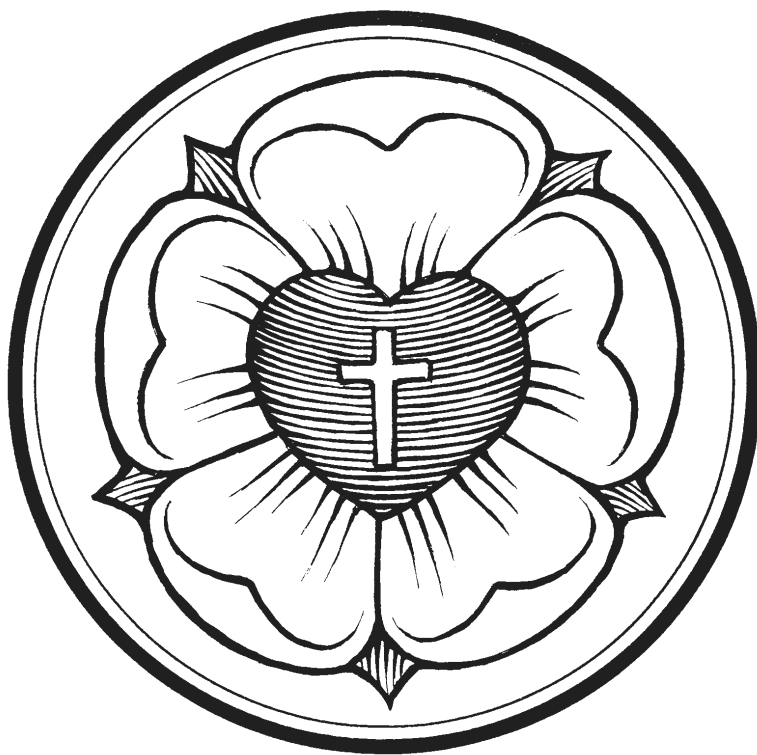
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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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 Four

Hymn of Invocation # 947

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Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

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and shall not be put to shame.

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Glory in Excelsis p. 204

Salutation & Collect p. 205

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 and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. John 8:31-36 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, *"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

Nicene Creed

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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: Khye Barnick, Norma (Giese) Curry (Evelyn Eisenbeis' sister), Christian Heller, Betty Morast (Evelyn Eisenbeis' sister-in-law), Gail Newland (Berniece Homuth's daughter), Mary Oestreich, Ruth Rueb, Dan Weidner, Brenda Weigum, Sharon Weigum, & Alex Woroniecki.

Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance



Worship: 147
Offering: \$2,906.25

**WE AFFIRM GOD'S POWER TO DO EXTRAORDINARY
THINGS THROUGH VERY ORDINARY PEOPLE**

WE CAN FACE ADVERSITY.

"God always causes me to triumph in Christ Jesus."
[2 Corinthians 2:14]

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. 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. The celebration of the Reformation is not a nice history lesson or merely a story of a heroic churchman who defied the established church. Rather, it is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



WE CAN: This morning in Bible class, we continue our study of Rural/Small Town Great Commission Initiative.

Today in Sunday school the students learn that Jesus repeats and completes Samson's deeds of deliverance for us and for our salvation. When we are weak, He is strong! Consider asking, *"What was the true source of Samson's strength? Who is the source of our strength?"*

Reminder: All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the LYF Zone Rally this afternoon from 3-7:00 PM. There will be fun games, Bible study, fellowship, a short business meeting and pizza for supper. There will also be a Tangled Blue Concert following the rally. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Nominations: At the November Voters Meeting, we will need to elect people to fill the following offices: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Finance Committee member, Treasurer, Secretary, Church Properties, Education, Stewardship, and 3 members of the Board of Lay Ministry. If you are interested in serving in one of these offices, please talk to Kent Larson, Dean Renner, or Pastor Heller.

Trunk or Treat: The congregation is invited to participate in Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 31, 4:30—7:00 PM. Dress in costume, bring your decorated trunk and a lawn chair if you wish to sit. If you cannot participate, we still need donations of candy to pass out. Please leave your candy in the Church kitchen on or before October 31st. Let's show our community how active Concordia is in the community by making this event a huge success again this year.



Daylight saving time ends November 2nd. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening.

Higher Things: A more accurate count of those youth wishing to participate in Higher Things, July 21-24, 2009, in Grand Rapids, MN, is needed. Registration begins November 1st. In order to guarantee a spot, we need to register as soon as possible. Along with the registration \$330 needs to be sent in for each person attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Glenn or Carla Renner, 948-2534 or crenner@westriv.com.

The North Dakota District Convention will be January 18-21, 2009, in Minot. Concordia is entitled to send one lay delegate to the convention. If you are interested in serving as our congregational delegate, please talk to Myron Hafner.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	7:30 AM	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:30 AM	Divine Service
	10:30 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bible Class
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Newsletter deadline
	6:00 PM	Chime Practice
	6:30 PM	Wednesday School
	7:30 PM	Bell Practice
Friday	4:30-7:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please remember to fill out a Record of Fellowship Card for each member attending Worship or Communing this morning.
Place completed cards in the collection plate.*