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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words  
and does them, I will show you what he is like.*

Luke 6:47

**DIVINE SERVICE**      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**      # 901

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**Introit**

O God, be not far from me;

**O my God, make haste to help me!**

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
**for their number is past my knowledge.**

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

**I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

**and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

**until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**

**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.**

O God, be not far from me;

**O my God, make haste to help me!**

**Kyrie**      p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**      p. 154

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Heavenly Father, You give without limit. You give, not according to what we deserve, not even according to what we need, but in abundance. Give us grateful hearts that we respond with joyful, generous giving to the work of Your kingdom that Your name might be made known; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

## **Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name,

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## **Epistle Reading:** Galatians 6:7-10 (ESV)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**“Alleluia”**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 21:1-4 (ESV)

*"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

He also told them a parable: *"Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

# 783

**Sermon**

“Receiving Through Giving”

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

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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: Margaret Dosland (Brian Scherer's sister-in-law), Erwin Eisenbeis, Gene Heller (Pastor’s Dad), Harold Link & Gail Newland (Berniece Homuth’s daughter);
- † Lyle & Vicky Yeager & Family, upon the death of Lyle’s Dad.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings  
and Attendance**

Worship: 131    Offerings: \$2,112.25

As God’s redeemed stewards we are not all equipped for the same kinds of service, but we are all equipped in special ways to serve as God desires. This truth should be an incentive for us to discover and use our spiritual gifts in God-pleasing ways that benefit others as well as us.

**Excel in the Grace of Giving:** Today we conclude our stewardship program “Excel in the Grace of Giving.” One of the messages in this series is that giving is a privilege rather than an obligation because our giving is a response of love, gratitude, and thanksgiving to God for all He is and does for us. As we give to God through our church, our actions acknowledge God’s ownership of our lives. A closing thought for this series is: “Does my giving put me in a position where I must trust in the Lord? If how I am giving in no way requires faith, can I say that I am putting God first in my life?” God wants us to be faithful in our giving so He can give us His abundant peace and joy. May God fill our hearts with His love and grace so we can give cheerfully, regularly, and generously.



**Special Music:** The Handbells will ring “How Beautiful” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

**Commitment Forms:** This morning, we invite you to return your completed commitment form. Feel free to place it in an envelope, but if you do, please write your name on the outside of the envelope. You may place it in the offering plate as our morning offering is collected or put it directly in the wooden church in the narthex. There are extra forms available in the black wire baskets in the social hall.

**Today in Sunday School** the Bible story is Jesus calling His first disciples. The children learn that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Talk about how sin causes us to want to hide from Jesus and doubt that He is who He says He is. Underscore that in Jesus’ forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is God’s Son.

**Haiti Relief:** A basket is on the table in the narthex for donations to help with relief and restoration following the earthquake in Haiti. All donations will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

**Council Members**, please remember our meeting Wednesday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m.

**Pastor Heller** will be at the Knife River Care Center for Holy Communion on Thursday, February 11th, 10:15 a.m. Please note that this is a change to the February calendar.

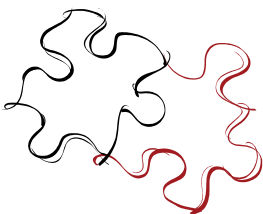


**Greeters are needed for 2010.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**Fishers of Men:** During the month of February the LWML will be collecting TUNA for Women's Action Resource Center. A table is set up for your donations. Thank you.

**Found:** A wristwatch and ring were found in the church. To claim them, please talk to Pastor Heller.

**LYF Members of Concordia:** A North Dakota District Lutheran Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat is being held Friday and Saturday, March 5 (7 pm) - March 6th (5pm). The Retreat is for grades 8 and up and adults. This will be



held at the Chieftain Conference Center in Carrington. It is centered on Teen Focus Training - topics include Puzzle pieces, Focus in leadership, My Story and Keeping the Focus. Guest Speaker is Brian Young, Music by Nate Douglas and Worship with Pastor Dave Suelzle. Registration fee is \$65.00 including food and room. Registration deadline is February 24th. Please let Steve or Nona Blaisdell know if you are interested in attending so we can make arrangements. Call 873-5426 or email [blaisdell@beu.midco.net](mailto:blaisdell@beu.midco.net). Information on this event is posted on the LYF board in the Social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today        7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
               9:15 am    Divine Service  
               10:15 am   Sunday School/Bible Class

Tuesday     1:30 pm    Naomi Guild

Wednesday 6:00 pm    Chime Practice  
               6:30 pm    Wednesday School  
               7:30 pm    Council Meeting  
               7:30 pm    Bell Practice

Thursday    10:15 am   Communion @ KRCC

Saturday    2:30 pm    LWML Valentines Party @ KRCC

Sunday       7:30 am    *Worship at Glen Ullin*  
               9:15 am    Divine Service  
               10:15 am   Sunday School/Mission Update/Bible Class

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.*

*The cards should be filled out whether or not you attend  
Communion.*

*Place completed cards in the collection plate.*

*Thank you.*