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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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*Far be it from me to boast except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the world.*

*Galatians 6:14*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 425

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 203

**Introit**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
**and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

My soul melts away for sorrow;  
**strengthen me according to your word!**

Put false ways far from me  
**and graciously teach me your law!**

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
**I set your just decrees before me.**

I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;  
**let me not be put to shame!**

I will run in the way of your commandments  
**when you enlarge my heart!**

**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.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
**and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

**Kyrie**    p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 205

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his

commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

### **Gradual**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

### **Epistle Reading: Philemon 1-21 (ESV)**

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)

Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them, *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man*

*began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.*

*"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
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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** 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!

**Catechism** will begin on Wednesday, September 8th, 4:00 p.m. Students, please bring your *Small Catechism*.

**Hand Bell** choir will practice on Wednesday, September 8th, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School** begins September 12th. Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's or Pastor's mailbox. Teachers are needed! If you are willing to teach, please talk to Terence, 873-4898, or Pastor.



**What Is Islam?:** To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. Please join us Sunday, September 19th, as we begin our "What Is Islam" Bible class. In addition to learning about the "Five Pillars of Islam," we will look at what the Quran says about the role of Abraham, the Trinity, angels and jinn (genies), the attributes of Jesus Christ, the character of Muhammad, Judgment Day, and paradise.

**Thrivent Membership Appreciation Supper:** The Mercer-Oliver County Chapter for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite all members and their spouse/guest to the Annual Membership Appreciation Supper. The supper will be held Monday, September 27, 2010, 6:00 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th Street NW, Beulah. Please RSVP to Wes or Jane Gunsch, 873-5615, by Wednesday, September 22nd. If there is no answer, please leave a message, giving all the names of who will be attending.

**September 15th** is the deadline to sign up for the Lutheran Heritage Tour, which takes place October 5-13, 2010! 34 people have already signed up and there is room for more. We have so many exciting things planned for this tour: daily devotions, great food, Bach at the Seminary Concert, prizes, Oktoberfest, the LCMS International Center, great worship, shopping at Concordia Publishing House, historic LCMS churches, and some wonderful surprises thrown in for good measure. Go to the ND District Website [www.nodaklcms.org](http://www.nodaklcms.org) and click on "Lutheran Heritage Trip" on the home page, or call Myra Bitterman at 701-223-7835. Sign up now — I'd love to have you join us!

President Baneck

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick and recovering: Marilyn Helm, Berniece Herrmann, Godfred Pfennig, & Carolyn Riegel;

† Ruth Helm, who has become a resident of the Knife River Care Center.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings  
and Attendance**

Worship: 130 Offerings: \$2,422.25

Since Philemon was indebted to Paul, he could have ordered him to do the right thing and treat his runaway slave like a brother, but Paul wanted Philemon to do the right thing from his own free will. Likewise, we are indebted to God for all the blessings He has showered upon us; God could demand that we give freely of our time, abilities and financial resources, but He loves cheerful givers!

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Today      7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              9:15 am    Divine Service

Monday      Church Office Closed

Tuesday     2:00 pm    Bible Class

Wednesday 4:00 pm    Catechism  
              6:30 pm    Hand Bell Practice

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

**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.*