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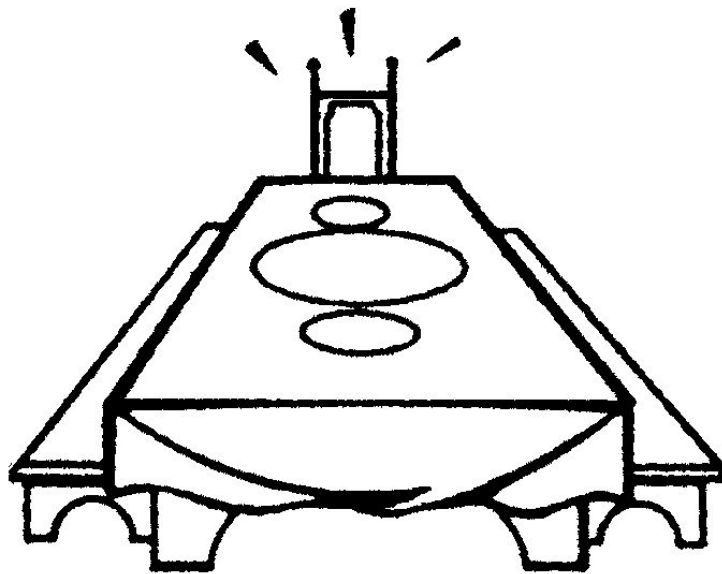
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*The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."  
Let the one who hears say, "Come."  
Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires  
take the water of life without price.  
Revelation 22:17*

## **DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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### **Introit**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

**my soul shall exult in my God,**

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

**he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

**and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

**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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**Kyrie**

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Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## **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:** Philippians 4:4-13 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the

wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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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,**

† Betty Hausauer, Bernie & Eileen Keller, Lori Kuschel, Keith Peterson, Ruth Rueb, & Aloha Simenson;

† Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters.

**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 children will complete their study of how God used and worked in Joseph's life. Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them, telling them that though they meant evil, God used their acts for good. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His holy Word and Sacraments. Families should review and discuss how God was with Joseph, blessing him through all that happened, the good and the bad. Talk about how God has turned bad or evil things in your life or world into blessings for your good.

**Card Shower:** There will be a card shower for Esther Reinschmidt to honor her on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be sent to her at:

Knife River Care Center  
118 22nd Street NE  
Beulah, ND 58523

**Mission Festival:** Concordia will have a Mission Festival on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, **11:00 a.m.** Rev. Daniel Voth of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Minot, will be our mission speaker. Potluck dinner will follow. Bible class will be at 10:00 a.m. During the Bible class hour, we will have a mission update and Bonnie Turner of Lutheran Disaster Response will be with us to share with us the ongoing flood recovery work in North Dakota.

Sunday School will also be at 10:00 a.m. Please note that there will be no 8:30 a.m. worship service on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Join us** for an evening of praise and worship with Dave Anderson & Kelly Patten on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. The concert includes Gospel music, old-time Sunday School songs, contemporary Christian music and stories of God's grace and mercy, including "The Rescue Story".



**Adult Instruction:** If you would like to become a communicant member of Concordia or learn more about the Christian faith, please join us. If you have questions or would like more information, talk to Pastor.

**Parents of College Students,** please give your child's college address to the church office. Thank you.

**The October** Human Care Project is collecting white wash cloths for Knife River Care Center.

**The October calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, August Council minutes and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up any copies you wish.

**Trunk or Treat:** The congregation is once again invited to participate in Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Steve and Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426. We need about 10 cars to make this a success. Time will be determined once enough people have volunteered to help.



## **Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 127 Offerings: \$3,187.00

In the closing verse of our Epistle reading Paul declared that "he can do everything through Him [Jesus] who gives him the strength." What a beautiful understanding of what we can do as God's stewards when we use all that God has entrusted to us to give witness to the hope we have in Jesus and to bring honor and glory to the God we love and serve.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday      8:30 am      Divine Service  
                 9:30 am      Sunday School/Bible Class  
                 11:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday      1:30 pm      Communion @ KRCC

Tuesday     1:30 pm      Naomi Guild

Wednesday 7:00 pm      Council Meeting

Sunday      **Mission Festival**  
                 9:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                 10:00 am      Sunday School/Bible Class  
                 11:00 am      Mission Service  
                 12:00 pm      Potluck Dinner

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223  
revheller@westriv.com  
concordiasecretary@westriv.com  
Website: www.concordiabeulah.org

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

## **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](http://www.shelternet.ca)

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