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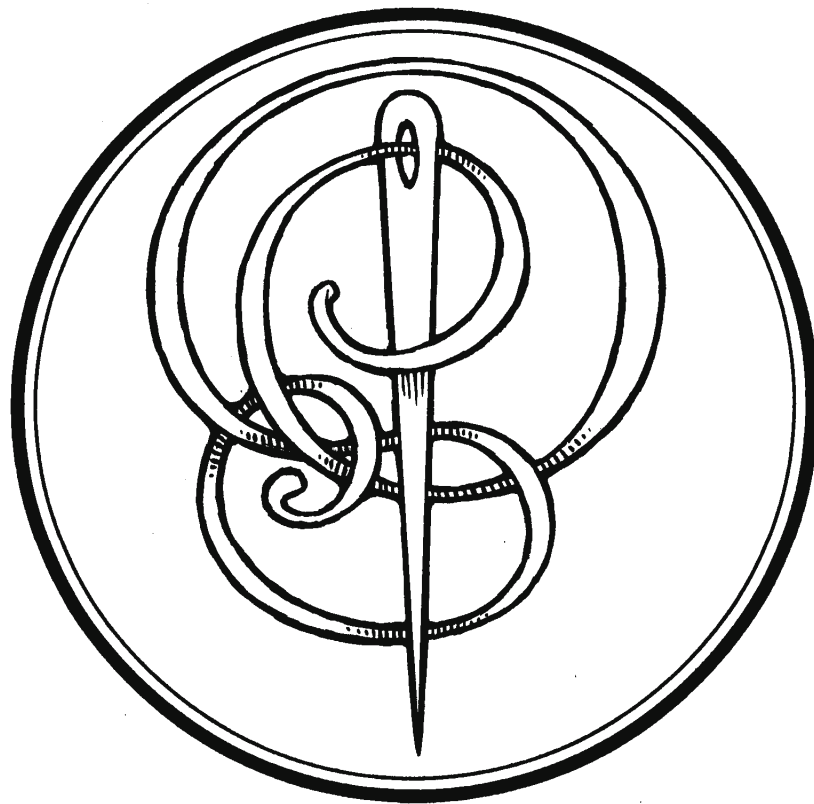
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*"With man it is impossible, but not with God.*

*For all things are possible with God."*

*Mark 10:27b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 781

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

The Lord is near to the broken hearted  
**and saves the crushed in spirit.**

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.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt his name together!**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears

**and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**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 saves the crushed in spirit.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Glory to God**                                      p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 205

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth.  
Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are  
beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (ESV)

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**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:** Hebrews 4:1-16 (ESV)

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,' " although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of

disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

“Alleluia”

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 10:23-31 (ESV)

And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, *"How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"* And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, *"Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."* And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, *"With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."* Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left everything and followed You." Jesus said, *"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 736
<b>Sermon</b>	What Money Can't Buy
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>“What Shall I Render”</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 629, 743
<b>“Thank the Lord”</b>	p. 164
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<b>Benediction</b>	p. 166
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 748

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,**

† Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), hospitalized.



**Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 148 Offerings: \$3,423.12

Today's Epistle reading makes reference to God's gift of the Sabbath—a day of rest, worship and meditation on the grace and goodness of God—and pray that God's Holy Spirit would daily build us up as the children of God.

**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 students study Samson. 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?"*

**Council Members:** We will meet Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Please note that this is a change from the October calendar.

**Confessing the Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** will be Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo. More information and registration forms are on the table in the social hall. Please note that this conference is for pastors **and laity!**

**Adult Instruction** will meet Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a communicant member of Concordia or learning more about the Christian faith is invited to join us. For more information, please talk to Pastor Heller.

**Trunk or Treat:** Concordia will again be hosting **Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Donations of Halloween candy can be placed in the kitchen. In case of unfavorable weather, we will be hosting the event in the education wing. Please consider joining us in the fun! Contact Vicky Yeager, 873-5647, if you have any questions.

**The following positions** will be open for re-election this fall: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry—3 positions, Finance Committee—1 position, Board of Church Properties, Board of Christian Education, and Board of Stewardship. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner, 948-2534 or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

## **We are the North Dakota District...**

By now you are probably tired of political ads. With our understanding of the Kingdom of the Government and the Kingdom of the Church, elections are very important. Lutherans take elections very seriously, praying for elected officials to rule with justice and peace. In voting, Lutherans also consider how the elected officials will affect the Church, praying that our leaders rule and live according to the Ten Commandments and the Word of God. These are difficult days for the earthly church. Pray that the Lord's will be done.

### **† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*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?

I am afraid for your safety and the safety of your children.

You do not deserve to be abused.

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 24 hour crisis line**

All services are free and confidential as stated by law.