

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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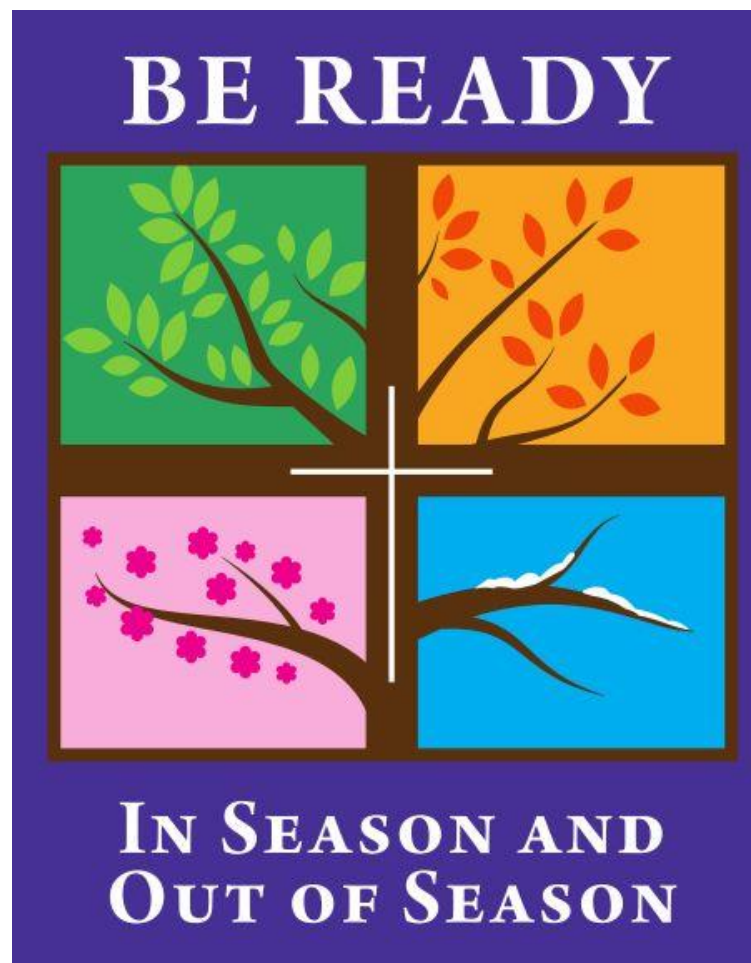
Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

October 1, 2017

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

LWML Sunday



*Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season;  
reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.  
2 Timothy 4:2*

**DIVINE SERVICE** Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation** # 912

**Confession & Absolution** p. 151

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God.**

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**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.**

**Kyrie** p. 152

**“Glory Be to God the Father”** # 506 *please be seated*

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people, making us ready to confess Jesus. 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.

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 8:54-61 (ESV)

Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, "Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:1-4 (ESV)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 10:26-33 (ESV)

*"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven."*

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** # 656

**Sermon** Be Ready to Confess Jesus

### **The League Pledge**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;**

God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 75 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

**and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

**We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,**

We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

**to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!**

### **Installation of LWML Officers**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory** # 645 *(st. 1)*

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 619, 547, 688

**Thank the Lord** p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 832

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 & recovering: Loretta Bankson (sister of Marlene Schriefer) & Brenda Weigum;
- † Elsie Buchmann & family, on the death of her sister, Lorraine Sturn;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by the wildfires;
- † Our neighbors who lives and property are affected by hurricanes & adverse weather.

**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 155 Offerings: 3,088.00

“But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is!. Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

**Welcome to worship** on LWML Sunday. 2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's posting of the *95 Theses* and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. In fact, it may be more difficult to speak and to live as Christians now – and the future may even more challenging. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**LWML mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

***The Reformation*** by Cameron A. MacKenzie is a new book from Concordia Publishing House on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the Lutheran Reformation. The cost is \$ 22.49. Please make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church. Today, October 1<sup>st</sup>, is the deadline for ordering.

**Addresses / Contact Information:** If your phone number, mailing address, or email address has changed, please contact the church office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

**Thank You's** from Concordia Theological Seminary and Beulah Mobile Pack team for Feed My Starving Children are on the bulletin board in the social hall.

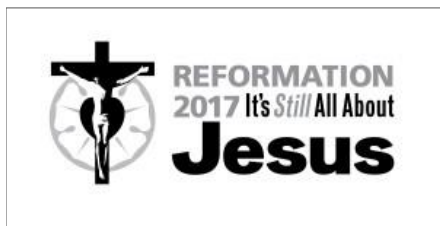
**The October calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, Council minutes, and "*Happy Times*" booklets for younger children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. The October information is also available on Concordia's website, [www.concordiabeulah.org](http://www.concordiabeulah.org).

**“Thank you”** Connie Bieber, Sandy Buchmann, Savannah Elkins, Carol Hartman and Aloha Simenson for providing bars and muffins for the months of August and September.

**The October Human Care Project** is collecting laundry detergent to be donated to Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items may be placed on the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

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**You ARE saved by works.** But not yours. Jesus did more than die for you. He lived for you. Salvation is not



merely the forgiveness of sins. It is the gift of righteousness, received by faith. This Good News is the focus of the Scriptures. You do nothing. God works. And His works are very good. Your good works are done in response to

salvation. Justification by grace through faith does not mean good works are bad, but puts them in their proper role. We live according to God’s will out of thankfulness to His love.



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## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service * Installation of LWML Officers * Mites Collection
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday — Wednesday		Pastor @ Fall Pastors Conference
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

### Church Office Hours

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To the next 75 years of mission