

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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Reformation Sunday



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Luke 12:32

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

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.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.**

**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 shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. 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.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Gradual

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 8:31-36 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, *“If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* They answered Him, *“We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?”*

Jesus answered them, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 657

Sermon Found To Be Righteous

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handbells will ring “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 392, 645, 617

Thank the Lord p. 164

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Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 655

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,

- † Myrna Prawdzik, the mother of Marty Black;
- † The family of Berniece Homuth, as they mourn her death.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 95 Offering: \$2,664.00

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
Happy 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Membership Changes:

- Melanie Gion, received by transfer from St. John, Hillsboro;
- Brooke Renner, transferred to Redeemer, Dickinson;
- Clifford & Diana Helm, transferred to Bethel, Bismarck;
- Adron Doerr, released to himself.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 “Protests”) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

LYF: All youth, grades 7-12, are encouraged to meet for lunch following Bible Class this morning.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the Christian faith, Berniece Homuth. Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, October 30, 2017. “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write’ Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them’” (Revelation 14:13).

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st, 5:00-6:30 pm. Candy donations can be placed in the kitchen. Anyone wishing to bring their vehicle (trunk) to help hand out candy is welcome. Please let Vicky Yeager know if you will be willing to help in any way.



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Nominations: We need to elect the following positions on the Church council in November: Evangelism, Fellowship, Public Relations, Finance, and three positions for Lay Ministry. If you are interested in one of these offices, please talk to Kevin Herrmann, 873-4163.

Lay Delegate: Concordia is in need of a lay delegate to represent the congregation at the 2018 District Convention, January 21-24, in Dickinson. Please talk to Pastor Heller or Jamey Backus if you are interested.

Lay Ministry: Mitchell Weigum has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Lay Ministry.

Hospice: On behalf of Common Threads Quilt Guild, Lorraine Sorge would like to thank everyone who donated last Sunday. Quilts are made with love and warmth and given to all hospice patients. It is our way to bring them comfort. Thank you.



Gideons: \$545 was received in offering to support the work on the Gideons on October 15th to assist them in the distribution of God's Word.

iPad: We are looking for individuals to run the Church Music Solutions recording on an Apple iPad for worship. If you are interested or have questions, please talk to Pastor Heller.

November calendar, birthday & anniversary sheet and Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

The entire Christian life is one of repentance.

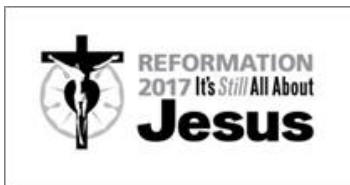
Luther's 95 Theses begins: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Matthew 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

Christians are to daily die to the old Adam, their sinful

nature. The focus is not on our dying or on our old Adam (sin).

The focus is on the promise of resurrection in Jesus Christ. He is our life. He is our hope. He is our joy. Repentance is a turning

away from self to Jesus. In Him are life and light. In Him are salvation and forgiveness. In Him is eternal life. Repent. You are His. Through Baptism. And this is true every day.



† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	12:00 pm	LYF
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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