

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost



*By grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*
[Ephesians 2:8]

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

You have loosed my bonds.

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 call on the name of the Lord.

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9 (ESV)

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them

equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

So the last will be first, and the first last."

Introit, Gradual, & Collect from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

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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,

† Sandy Buchmann, Sandy Femling, & Kim Wolf (Myron & Carrie Hafner's niece);



† For our Sunday School, that children would be brought to learn of Jesus;

† For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;

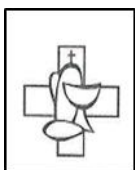
† Our military personnel, law enforcement and emergency response workers.

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

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 guestbook and worship with us again soon.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a study of Matthew’s Gospel.

Shower: Isabelle Stella Moore, the 8 month old daughter of Justin & Samantha Moore will be baptized into Christ in a private ceremony on September 27th. In lieu of a baby shower that Concordia usually has for our baptized children, we will just shower Isabelle and family with gifts. Please have your gifts to the church by September 27th. Please call Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243, if you have any questions. Samantha is the daughter of Jeff and Connie Gegelman.



Private Communion: If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in a smaller group setting because of health or Covid concerns, please call Pastor Heller, 873-4388.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Thursday, October 1st.



Happy Birthday Kits will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center during September. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, and balloons. Please leave items in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

“Thank You” Bob and Marlene Schriefer want to thank the family of Concordia for the financial and spiritual help they gave to their grandson, Josh Reber, while he was attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Josh was ordained on September 6, 2020 at Faith Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He is serving as Pastor at Faith as well as Trinity Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, Minnesota

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

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Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 81 Offerings: \$2, 223.00

*“And when those hired about the eleventh hour came,
each of them received a denarius.”*

Matthew 20:9

Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God’s being.



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