

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

September 11, 2022

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



*"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents."*

*Luke 15:10*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love  
and Your faithfulness!*  
[Psalm 115:1]

**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!

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 802

**Confession & Absolution**

p. 203

**Introit**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go  
down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a  
lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with  
the morning.**

**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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!**

**Kyrie** p. 204

**Gloria in Excelsis** p. 204

**Salutation & Collect** p. 205

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 34:11-24

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all

the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

### **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:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

### **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He told them this parable: *"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors,*

*saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

*"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 609 (st. 1-4)
<b>Sermon: The True Shepherd</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 740, 709
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 212
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 212
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 506

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.

#### Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from *Lutheran Service Book*

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House

## Announcements

**Thank you** to Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Olson for leading worship this morning.

***“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).***



Sunday School begins this morning after worship. All children are welcome to join us! We could still use a few teachers.

### Did you know...

- The dedication services for Concordia's original church structure were March 9, 1952;
- The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Concordia was celebrated June 25, 1972;
- The dedication services for our current church home were held on June 8, 1980;
- The dedication of our educational facility and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated June 14, 1987;
- Concordia celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 29, 1997;
- And, we will celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us for our Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving at 10:00 am. A short program and catered meal will follow. We are still looking for someone to help with pictures and videotaping. Please talk to Nona, 701-870-1243 or email [blaisdell@beu.midco.net](mailto:blaisdell@beu.midco.net).

**LWML Members, mark your calendar!** The Fall Rally is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dickinson.

**Donations of essential items** such as laundry products, hand soaps, dish soap & personal hygiene items for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of September.



Please leave items on shelves in the entryway.

**The VanTongeren family** would like to say “thank you” for the warm welcome and the shower gifts that were received for Willow and Vivianne.

**Lutheran Witness:** Concordia is happy to provide members with a complimentary subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's monthly magazine highlighting current events and Christian living. If you are not receiving it, and would like to begin receiving it, please email [concordiasecretary@westriv.com](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com) or call the Church office by Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

**+In our thoughts and prayers,**



† Joslyn Frey, Michelle Johnson (daughter of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Kent Larson, & Delphine Traxel;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;

† For the harvest underway, that we may receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God.

**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 77      Offerings: \$3,588.67

*“And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”*

Luke 15:2

Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can't help but follow.



NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

1-1-1 Mission Giving  
1 Dollar  
1 Baptized Member  
1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service Sunday School/LWML Joint Meeting
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Catechism Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388

Parsonage: 873-4223

[revheller@westriv.com](mailto:revheller@westriv.com)

[concordiasecretary@westriv.com](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com)

[concordiabeulah.org](http://concordiabeulah.org)

*Please fill out a pew card indicating all members of your family attending Church and/or Communion this morning.*