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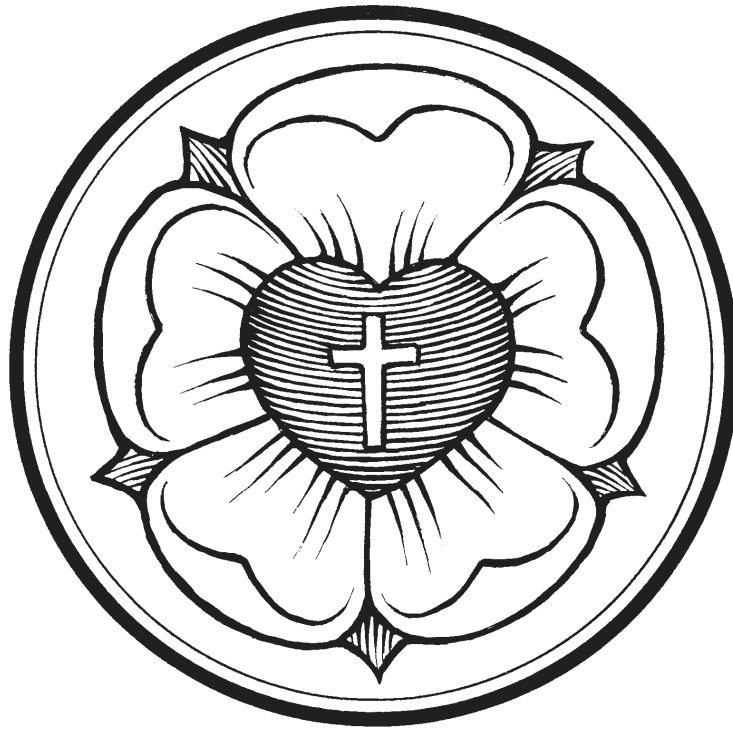
*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*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**                # 947

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 151

**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.**

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

**Kyrie**                                      p. 152

**Glory to God**                            p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 156

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** # 656

**Sermon:** *“The Righteousness of God Through Faith”*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**“What Shall I Render”** p. 159

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 555, 644

**“Thank the Lord”** p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**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,**

† Marilyn Helm, Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings  
and Attendance**

Worship: 120    Offering: \$2,751.00

Since we are put right with God through faith we recognize that our stewardship is a response to being saved—not something done to earn salvation. It's not so much a matter of "have to" but a matter of "get to."

**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 not a nice history lesson or merely a story of a heroic churchman who defied the established church. Rather, it is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday School**, the story of Abraham receiving visitors will be studied. While Abraham received his visitors graciously, they brought more grace to him than he and Sarah could imagine. That’s true for us too; through Jesus, God brings us more grace than we can imagine or expect, for He bestows on us forgiveness of sin and a restored life with God so we can Grow in Christ. Say the First Article together each day and thank God for His many blessings.

**Trunk or Treat:** Volunteers from the congregation are needed to provide a trunk and hand out candy tonight from 4:00 — 7:00 in the Church parking lot. Candy donations are also needed as well as help serving hotdogs and beverages. A sign up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426 for more information.

**Topic Leaders** for November will meet Tuesday, November 2nd, 3:30 p.m.

**The November calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us, “Happy Times” booklets for children and the September Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to pick up any of the items.

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation November 4 — 9, instead of October 28 — November 1. In case of emergency, please call Myron & Carrie Hafner, 873-5103. Please join us next Sunday as Mr. Bill Sharpe, the Executive Secretary of our North Dakota District, will be with us. During the Bible class hour, he will be sharing the work of the North Dakota District.

**Council Members**, please have your 2011 budget worksheets turned into the Church office by Wednesday, November 3rd.

**Nominations** for Church Officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We are also in need of someone to complete the term of the Chairman of the Board of Evangelism. If you are interested in an office, please talk to Kent Larson or Blake Wiedrich.



**Voters Meeting** will be Sunday, November 14th following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2011 budget.

*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.  
The cards should be filled out whether or not you  
attend Communion.  
Place completed cards in the collection plate.  
Thank you.*

**+ This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday      7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              9:15 am    Divine Service  
              10:15 am   Sunday School/Bible Class  
              4-7:00 pm   Trunk or Treat

Tuesday     2:00 pm    Bible Class  
              3:30 pm    Topic Leaders

Wednesday   4:00 pm    Catechism  
              5:15 pm    Chime Practice  
              6:00 pm    Bell Practice

Thursday    1:30 pm    Vesper Guild

Sunday      8:30 am    Worship Service  
              9:30 am    Sunday School/Bible Class  
                            LWML Business Meeting  
              11:00 am   *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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