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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.*

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

DIVINE SERVICE	Setting One
<b>Hymn of Invocation</b>	# 677
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	p. 151
<b>Introit</b>	
These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.	
<b>They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.</b>	
In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;	
<b>in your righteousness deliver me.</b>	
For you are my rock and my fortress;	
<b>and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.</b>	
Into your hand I commit my spirit;	
<b>you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
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<b>They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.</b>	
<b>Kyrie</b>	p. 152
<b>This Is the Feast</b>	p. 155
<b>Salutation &amp; Collect</b>	p. 156
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.	
Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.	

### **First Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them  
white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

# 661

**Sermon**

You Are Not There Yet

**Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

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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

## **In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), hospitalized;
- † Rev. Kirk Peters, who has accepted the call to St. Matthew, Hazen, and St. James, Golden Valley  
(installation is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

## **Our Stewardship of Worship and Attendance**

Worship: 112      Offering: \$2,694.00

On this All Saints' Sunday we thank God over and over again that He has made us into His children through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now our challenge is to live, with the Holy Spirit's power, as growing and maturing children of God.

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. The Lord's Church celebrates All Saints' to remember those who have died in the faith. We remember the grace of God in bringing them to faith and in preserving them in that faith in every joy and sorrow of earthly life. Especially, we remember how they served God, even in the face of persecution, even death. We do not worship the saints, pray to them, or ask them for help in living a Christian life. But, we do honor their memory and we pray that God would give us grace to imitate them in all virtuous and godly living. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday School** the children will study the life of Samuel. They learn how God calls His people to repentance through preachers such as Samuel; that He might forgive us for the sake of Christ. Parents might ask, "*How did God use Samuel to speak to His people? How does God use our pastor to speak His Word today?*"

**Mission Update:** Please join us following worship this morning for an update on the mission work of Matt & Angie. There will be a free-will offering.

**Thrivent Members:** Please stop in the Fellowship Hall after church to vote for the Mercer-Oliver County Thrivent Chapter Board.

**Constitution/Bylaws/Standard Operating Procedures:** Copies of the proposed changes to our congregational Constitution/Bylaws/Standard Operating Procedures are on the table in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing these proposed changes during the Bible class hour on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the proposed changes are in red print.

**Adult Instruction** will meet Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a communicant member of Concordia or learning more about the Christian faith is invited to join us. For more information, please talk to Pastor Heller.

**Voters Meeting** will be Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2013 budget. The nominations for Church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The **November** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, Happy Times for children and September Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

**Thank you** to all who helped make Truck or Treat a huge success! We especially thank those who donated candy and who handed out candy.



**Greeters** are needed for the months of November and December. Please sign-up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall. Thank you.

**Parents of College Students**, please give your child's college address to the church office. Thank you.

**+ This Week at Concordia +**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	9:45 am	LWML Business Meeting
	10:30 am	LYF - Grades 7-12
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	9:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Beach
	6:30 pm	Adult Instruction
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	LYF - Grades 2-6
	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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