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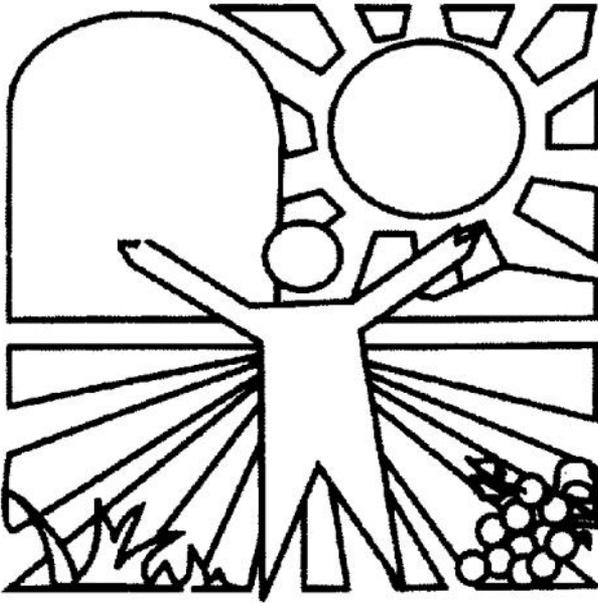
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*But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always
being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you
for a reason for the hope that is in you.*

1 Peter 3:15

Divine Service

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

826

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you
will find refuge;

his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right
hand,

but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes

and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

**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.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13 (ESV)

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it

with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 (ESV)

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them. *Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.*

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 837

Sermon: Confessing the Hope That is Within Us

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 Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship as today we begin three Sundays of stewardship focusing on the theme **BOLD WITNESSES**. Today, we focus on **BOLD WITNESSES in confessing the hope that is within us**, based upon 1 Peter 3:15. Living in Christ, we are always prepared to confess the hope that we have in Jesus, even as we live in a world that does not always desire to hear it. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Religious Liberty: What does it mean that we live in a nation which guarantees “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof (1st Amendment).” What does this mean for our confession of Christ? How do we confess Christ in the public square? Please join us for Bible class this morning as we discuss religious liberty, especially in light of recent government mandates.

Need to Elect: The following positions will be open for election this fall: Finance Committee: 1 position; Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions; Chairman of Evangelism; Chairman of Parish Fellowship; Chairman of Public Relations; and Chairman of Young People’s Work. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner 948-2534 or Jamey Backus 873-7673.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st, 4:30-7:30 pm. Donations of Halloween candy can be placed in the kitchen. Bring your own trunk or join with someone to hand out treats. Halloween costumes are optional. Please consider joining us in the fun!

The October Human Care Project is the collection of white wash cloths for Knife River Care Center. Items can be placed on the shelf in the entryway.

Carpeting: New carpeting is scheduled to be installed in the social hall beginning on Monday, November 4th. November 1st & 2nd will be work days to remove the old carpeting. We will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, the 1st, & at 9:00 am on Saturday, the 2nd. For more information, please talk to Jean Bornemann, 873-5689.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † George Gierke (Lacy Korbyn's grandfather) & Kyle Miller (Nona Blaisdell's brother);
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;
- † For boldness in confessing Christ, in the assurance that He will confess us before His Father in heaven.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Worship: 152 Offerings: \$4,350.00

'But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.' The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

We are the North Dakota District...

The North Dakota District has over 65 pastors and over a dozen Lutheran School teachers. As this is "Pastor Appreciation Month," I ask you to join me in personally showing our appreciation and thanks to your pastor for his faithfulness to the Lord and His Church. God has placed these shepherds to be the caretakers of our souls.

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	KRCC Communion
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, (GU)</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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