

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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Reformation Sunday



*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

555 (st. 1, 6-10)

Confession & Absolution

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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.**

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and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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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 Gift Given, Gift Received

Prayer of the Church

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

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Distribution Hymns # 644, 617, 947

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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,

† Our sick & recovering: Lamoine Beling (brother of Gayleen Briggs), Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 116 Offerings: \$2,665.00

“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because they only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

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 the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17).

Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

Lay Ministry, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 pm.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, 4:00—6:00 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. We are in need of “trunks” to hand out treats. Hot dogs and beverages will also be served.



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Our Voters Meeting will be Sunday, November 15, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2016 budget. Unapproved minutes from the February 22, 2015, meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Nominations are posted in the social hall. We need to elect the following church officer positions: Evangelism, Fellowship, Public Relations, Finance, and three positions for Lay Ministry. If you would like to submit additional nominations, please talk to Glenn Renner.

Please join us on Sunday, November 15th, 11:00 am for a noon meal following the Voters Meeting. All food will be furnished by the Thrivent Action Team Project and LWML members. There will be a free will offering to help pay for the church roof.

We are the North Dakota District – Rev. Sean Daenzer, Barney and Great Bend, is the Task Force chair for “Ordained and Commissioned Ministers,” under the main focus of LIFE TOGETHER. Under this task force, we have agreed together that the North Dakota District and its congregations will support, encourage, and provide opportunities for continued professional growth and the personal welfare of our ordained and commissioned ministers.

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

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

Tuesday 1:00 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center

Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Lay Ministry
7:00 pm Chime Practice
7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for November Calendar Items

Saturday 4-6:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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