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*"I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily.  
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes,  
will He find faith on earth?"*

*Luke 18:8*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 779

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,  
**which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**

Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs,  
**and a foolish people reviles your name.**

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;  
**do not forget the life of your poor forever.**

Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;  
**let the poor and needy praise your name.**

Have regard for the covenant;  
**arise, O God, defend your cause.**

**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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**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 156

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-30 (ESV)**

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against

Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

### **Gradual**

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 (ESV)**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, *"In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' "* And the Lord said, *"Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 725
<b>Sermon</b>	Persistence!
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<i>The Handchimes will ring "Thy Word" during the gathering of our morning offerings.</i>	
<b>"What Shall I Render</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 770, 623, 632
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<b>Benediction</b>	p. 166
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 924

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: Carey Fischer, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us 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!

**Please join us** following worship for cookies/bars & coffee.

**“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”** (1 Tim. 1:15). Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study on 1 Timothy.

**Congregational Officers:** The following positions will be open for election at the November Voters meeting: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions, Finance Committee: 1 position, Church Properties, Christian Education, and Stewardship. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to Glenn Renner, Jamey Backus, or Pastor Heller.

**October’s Human Care Project** is collecting birthday cake kits to be donated to the local Women’s Action & Resource Center. Anyone wishing to donate may leave items on the shelves in the church entryway. All donations are greatly appreciated!

**The October calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, Council minutes, and *“Happy Times”* booklets for younger children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. The October information is also available on Concordia’s website, [www.concordiabeulah.org](http://www.concordiabeulah.org).

**Trunk or Treat:** Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, 5:00-6:30 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. We are in need of “trunks” to hand out treats.

**Are you too busy to go to a meeting**, but would like a daily Bible Study? *“He Calls Me Loved”* is a daily blog Bible study by LCMS Deaconess, Heidi Goehmann. The blog offers encouragement and faith building resources for women, couples, and families. It can be found at [www.ilovemyshepherd.com](http://www.ilovemyshepherd.com).

## Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 108 Offerings: \$1,918.00

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse: it is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

### † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	1:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Knife River Care Center
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>