

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

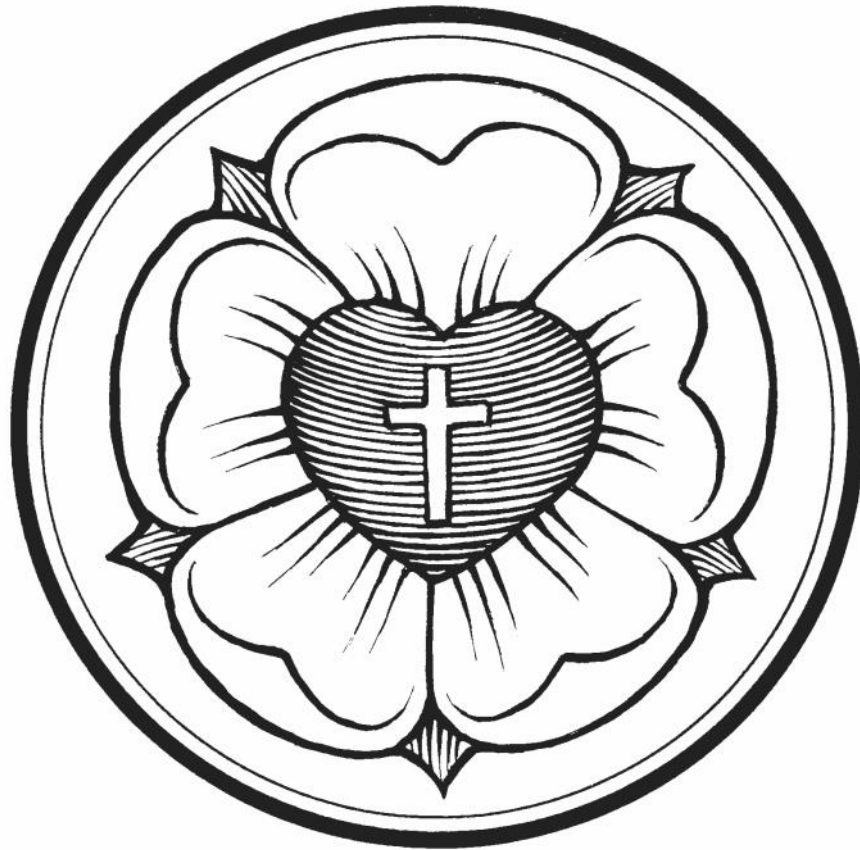
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Beulah, North Dakota

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**Feast of the Reformation**



*"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**                      # 605

**Holy Baptism**                              p. 268

**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**    p. 152

**Gloria in Excelsis**                      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 Lesson:** 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

## **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”**

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## **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."*

**Hymn of the Day** # 656  
**Sermon** "Recant!"

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

*The Handbells will ring "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

**"What Shall I Render** p. 159  
**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160  
**Distribution Hymns** # 566 (st. 1-4), 702, 619  
**Thank the Lord** p. 164  
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**Benediction** p. 166

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.

**Closing Hymn**

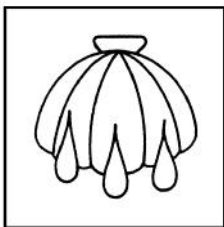
# 644

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick & recovering: Elsie Buchmann, Carey Fischer, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Larry Hartman, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Bob Schriefer, & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);  
† Lorelei, baptized today.

**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!

**At the Font:** We rejoice that Lorelei Luca Holder, the daughter of Ryan & Amanda Holder, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ’s most gracious promise, Lorelei is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, her sins are forgiven, she is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. “[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).



**Please join us** following worship for cookies/bars & coffee. “Thank you” Krystal Bornemann and Connie Schmidt for providing cookies/bars last Sunday.

***“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness”*** (2 Tim. 4:8). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a study of 2 Timothy.

**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.

**Adult Instruction:** Our adult instruction class will continue Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 pm. Anyone desiring to become a communicant member of Concordia or learn more about the Christian faith is invited to join us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk to Pastor Heller.



**Daylight Saving Time** ends Sunday, November 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

**The November calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, September council minutes and unapproved minutes from the February voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

**Concordia Family:** We are going to make some meals for Marv and Lori Kuschel, as Lori recovers at home after a lengthy hospital stay. They have no meal preferences or allergies, maybe just not overly spicy. It would be best to make smaller meals, since it's just the two of them. Also, please use disposable containers so Marv doesn't have to worry about returning pans. Marv thought once or twice a week would be enough. Kristi Stevens will set up a schedule and be the contact person. She can be messaged on Facebook, or at 873-5841 or 870-1117. Please let her know if you can help! Also, if you know of someone else in need of a meal, please let Kristi know and we can work on expanding providing meals. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

**Our Voters Meeting** will be Sunday, November 20, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2017 budget. Nominations are posted on the bulletin board and unapproved minutes from the February 21, 2016 meeting are also on the table in the social hall.

**Christmas cards** are on sale in the social hall. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks should be made out to LWML.

**Children's Christmas Program:** Katlyn Dschaak will be our director this year. Practice for the children's program will begin on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The program will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 114 Offerings: \$3,273.00

“Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth.” During the Reformation this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message: we have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part! We are saved by grace alone! And ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works:” because once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

### Stewards Can Only Serve One Master



*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." (Matthew 6:24)*

The Bible shows us in the Parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but full in the next.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"*

As Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we need to embrace this larger Biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with

## † 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>
Monday	5-6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	7:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</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 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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