

"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

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### 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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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.

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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?"

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# In our thoughts and prayers,

+ Evan Bier and Alice Voegele (Bruce's aunt);

+ For servants to serve as Sunday School teachers and congregational officers.

**Welcome to worship** as we near the end of the Pentecost season. Daylight hours grow shorter and the green of the fields gives way to the brown of autumn. The changes in nature reflect the spiritual conflict in which we find ourselves. As we near the end of the Pentecost season, we focus our attention more closely on living a Christian life in conflict with Satan. As he prowls around as a roaring lion to devour us Christ continues to strengthen us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, that we may be faithful unto death. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Thank you** to Marc Schriefer for leading worship this morning. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

**Church Officer Positions:** We are in need of people to serve in multiple open congregational officer positions. If you are interested, please talk to Jamey Backus or Kevin Hermann.

**During the month of October** donations of laundry products will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please leave items in the entryway shelves.

**Trunk or Treat:** Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:30—6:00 PM. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen.

#### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 120 Offerings: \$4,033.00

"But Jacob said, 'I will not let You go unless You bless me." Genesis 32:26b

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	10:00 am	Worship Service	Church Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild	Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center	revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org
Wednesday	4:00 pm		
Sunday	<i>8:00 am</i> 10:00 am 11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class	