# Concordía Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor October 3, 2021

LWML Sunday



Above all, keep loving one another earnestly.

1 Peter 4:18

#### **♣** In the Name of Jesus **♣**

**Welcome to worship** this morning as we celebrate LWML Sunday. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, I under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness in 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.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation** # 913 **Confession & Absolution** p. 203

Psalm 86:5-12

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you,

O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

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.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Kyrie p. 204
Gloria in Excelsis p. 204
Salutation & Collect p. 205

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: Ezekiel 36:22-27

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

## Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-22

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

#### Alleluia and Verse

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# Holy Gospel: St. Mark 12:28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Apostles' Creed p. 207 Hymn of the Day # 704

**Sermon** "Love One Another Earnestly from a Pure Heart"

# The League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life, to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church**

# Offering

Handbells, "Power of Your Love"

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

**Distribution Hymns** # 619, 740, 705

Nunc Dimittisp. 211Post-Communion Collectp. 212Benedictionp. 212

Closing Hymn "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

It is He alone, He gave us command, Who redeemed us sinners, To proclaim His Gospel

Guides us as His own;
To enjoy the blessings,
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory,
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!

Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim: Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name. Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name.

(Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: LSB 662)



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



LWML mites will be collected today.

**Card Shower:** We are having a card shower for our adopted Seminary student and his wife. Joseph and Faith Greenmyer were blessed with a baby boy, Abraham Joseph, on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please join us as we gather cards for the Greenmyer family with well wishes. Cards can be left on the back table in the social hall. Today is the deadline for bringing cards. Thank you for supporting Joseph and his family!

**Pastors Conference:** Pastor Heller will be at Fall Pastors Conference Monday – Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

**The October calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet, August Council minutes, and "Portals of Prayer" booklets for October – December are on the table in the social hall



**Thank you** to all who watered flowers this summer, especially Connie and Kim. Your work is highly cherished.

**The October Human Care Project** is collecting laundry items, hand soaps, dish soap and personal hygiene items for Women's Action & Resource Center. Place items in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

**iPad:** We need people to run the iPad for worship. If you are interested, stop by the organ and visit with one of the players to see how easy it is. Or better yet, sit by us to watch and learn. Please visit with Nona if interested!



**Main Street Living** can be heard on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Episodes of "This Is the Life" precede it at 10:00 am.

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Sunday LWML Sunday

8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin

10:00 am Divine Service

\*Mites Collection

11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Monday – Pastor @ Fall Pastors Conference

Wednesday

Thursday 2:30 pm Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin

Friday 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 9:30 am LWML Fall Rally @ Bethel, Bismarck

3:00 pm Schlender/Little Swallow Wedding

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin

10:00 am Divine Service

11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class



# Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 71 Offerings: \$2,051.00

# Church Office Hours

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