

# 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*

## ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**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!

### **Divine Service                      Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation                # 656**

**Confession & Absolution        p. 151**

**Introit                                    Psalm 46**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

God is our refuge and strength,

**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam,

**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

**how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burrs the chariots with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God,

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**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

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

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

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. Matthew 11:12-19

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

**Apostles' Creed** p. 159  
**Hymn of the Day** # 566 (st. 1-4)  
**Sermon**  
**Offering**  
**"What Shall I Render"** p. 159

**Prayer of the Church**  
**The Lord's Prayer** p. 162  
**Closing Collect**  
**Benediction** p. 166  
**Closing Hymn** # 644

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
 EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



**In our thoughts and prayers,**

✠ Deepest sympathies to Ray & Lorraine Sorge on the death of Lorraine's brother, Wayne Lang.

**Thank you** to Jamey Backus for leading worship this morning.

**Trunk or Treat:** We will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, 5:30—7:00 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen.

**The November calendar,** birthday sheet and September Council Minutes are on the table in the social hall.



**Daylight Saving Time** ends Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	5:30-7:00 pm	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>
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	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

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