Concordia Lutheran Church

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Beulah, North Dakota
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19th Sunday after Pentecost



"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

♣ In the Name of Jesus **♣**

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!

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

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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

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

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" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 18:1-8

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

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.

> For those unable to drink wine, water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.



In our thoughts and prayers,

→ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Hannah Schantz, & Ray Sorge.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 87 Offerings: \$3,426.00

"Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day has broken.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me." Genesis 32:26

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" (John 6:68). 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthday

LYF, join us for Bible study and pumpkin carving on Sunday, October 26, 2:00 pm. Donations of pumpkins would be appreciated! They can be left in the Sunday School wing.

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.

Donations of Happy Birthday Kits for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of October. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles and birthday hats and balloons.

Please leave donation in the entryway.

Voters Meeting: Our Voters Meeting will be November 2nd, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the 2026 budget. Unapproved minutes from the February 23, 2025 meeting are on the table in the social hall.

廿 This Week at Concordia **廿**

Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday 8:00 am

> 10:00 am Divine Service

11:00 amBible Class

Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild

Tuesday 1:15 pm Bible Study

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

> **Board of Lay Ministry** 7:00 pm

Deadline for November calendar items Friday 9:00 am

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin

Sunday School 9:15 am **Divine Service** 10:00 am **Council Meeting** 11:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org