

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost



*By grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*

[Ephesians 2:8]

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

566 (st. 1-4)

Confession & Absolution

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Introit

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.**

**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 call on the name of the Lord.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus says] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the

scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

So the last will be first, and the first last."

Apostles' Creed	p. 207	Service of the Sacrament	p. 208ff.
Hymn of the Day	# 555 (st. 1, 6-10)	Distribution Hymns:	# 827, 744, 789
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		Closing Hymn	# 705

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

In our thoughts and prayers,



✝ Our sick & recovering: Gerald Bieber, Samantha Scheurer (friend of Joslyn Frey), & Julie Westemeier.



**"And when those hired about the eleventh hour came,
each of them received a denarius."**

Matthew 20:9

Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

Announcements

Sunday School: Beginning October 4th, Sunday School will be at 11:00 am.

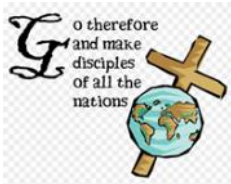


The September Ingathering is collecting warm winter items such as mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may be left on the shelves in the entryway.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, or if you wish to cancel your subscription, please email concordiasecrtry@westriv.com or call the Church office by September 30th.

Sarah Circle is changing their meeting times to 4:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next Bible Study and meeting will be October 12th, 4:00 PM.

The LWML SW Zone Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 10th at St. John's in McClusky. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM with the program starting at 10:00 AM. Speaker and ingathering information is on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome!



Mission Fest: Our District President, Rev. Mark Chepulis, will be with us for Mission Festival on Sunday, October 25th. Potluck will follow morning worship.

The Estate of the Church is the Estate that the Lord has given to proclaim eternal life in Christ. The Lord has ordered His Church as those who hear the Word and those who preach the Word. (John 10:27; Luke 10:16; Acts 20:28-30; among many others) When one walks into the Divine Service, the primary job of the hearer of the Word is to receive, and the primary job of the preacher is to preach, proclaim, and distribute the Gifts to Christ's Bride. Certainly the hearers offer their thanks and praise, but, like a patron in a restaurant, the primary vocation of the hearer is to receive the Gifts of Word and Sacrament. Luther writes in his work *On the Councils and the Church*, "Now wherever you find these offices or officeholders, you may know that God's people, the holy Christian people, are there. For the church cannot be without bishops, pastors, and preachers, and conversely, they cannot be without the church; the two must exist together."

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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LCMS ND District - Message in the Pew

September 2026

The LCMS North Dakota District is committed to supporting church worker students in their educational journeys. This year, nine students are receiving financial assistance: three at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne (CTSFW), one at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (CSL), one at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon (CUW-Mequon), and four at Concordia University Nebraska in Seward (CUNE). In addition to financial support, we also keep these students in our prayers, supporting their spiritual and academic growth.

If you know of any church worker students who are not receiving financial support from the LCMS North Dakota District, please share their information.



VACANCY:

- St. Peter-Belfield SW circuit *pastors*
- Redeemer-Grassy Butte *Rev. Mike Wolters*
- Redeemer-Dickinson *Rev. Arie Bertsch*
- Christ Lutheran Parish-Garrison, Max, Underwood, Pick City
Revs. Rothchild, Thompson, Olson, SMP candidate Austin Schmidt
- Crosspointe-Fargo *Rev. Dave Suelzle*
- Zion English-Grafton *Rev. Dan Provost*
- Trinity-Great Bend // Peace-Barney *Rev. Adam Filipek*

CALLS EXTENDED/ACCEPTED:

- St. John-Hillsboro // Trinity-Hope *Revs. Bodin, Provost*
call returned by Rev. Tyson Mastin // Plato, MN
- Zion-Edgeley // Bethlehem-Forbes *Rev. Brademeyer & Preus*
call issued to Rev. Peter Haugen // Chatfield, MN
- St. Matthew-Hazen *Rev. Zelwyn Heide*
call returned by Rev. Richard Dailey // Okmulgee, OK
- St. Paul-Beach *Rev. Greg Lucido*
call issued to Rev. Jakob Berger // Thompson Falls, MT
- Immanuel-Wahpeton *Rev. Anthony Ahrendt*
call issued to Rev. James Preus // Ottumwa, IA

PASTORS IN THE DISTRICT:

- Rev. Dr. Chris Brademeyer (St Johns-Oakes)
returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church // Pierre, SD
- Rev. Mike Grieve (Zion-Gwinner) **will be installed on Sept 25 at Redeemer-Lisbon.** These congregations have formed a dual parish.

LCMS ND District - Financial Report

August 2026

INCOME:

Congregation Mission Giving	\$51,597.31
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$18,059.06)
Net Congregation Mission Giving	\$33,538.25
Other unrestricted gifts	\$2,484.44
1-1-1 Mission giving	\$474.25
Current gifts/fees for missions	\$1,757.69
Available Income	\$38,254.63

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities	\$38,138.91
<i>Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth</i>	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	\$43,141.52
<i>Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors</i>	
Convention Resolution Mission Payments	\$25,985.16
Current Expenses	\$107,265.59

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR AUGUST (\$69,010.96)

Funds previously given used for current expenses \$38,259.35

YTD NET INCOME/LOSS (\$9,411.91)

CONVENTION RESOLUTION MISSIONS YTD GIFTS // PAYMENTS

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$25,000) \$5,377 // \$17,452

Chile Partnership (\$25,000) \$6,090 // \$17,565

Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$10,000) \$3,979.16 // \$6,874.16

Gifts from individuals & congregations designated for these missions, established by convention resolutions, are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter.

You can donate directly to the District using your credit/debit card on our website. Click on the GIVE button at nodaklcms.org to direct your donation for the work of your District!

**Please contact the District Office if you have any questions 701.293.9001
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