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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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*"Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life."*

*[John 6:68]*

## **DIVINE SERVICE**

## Setting Four

### **Hymns**

- # 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"
- # 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (st. 1-2, 5-6)
- # 712 "Seek Ye First"

**Confession & Absolution** p. 203

**Salutation & Collect** p. 205

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Scriptures**

#### **Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (ESV)**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

#### **Ephesians 5:6-21 (ESV)**

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

### **John 6:35-51 (ESV)**

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."*

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."* Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, *"Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."* (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And He said, *"This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father."*

After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, *"Do you want to go away as well?"*

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	# 689
<b>Sermon</b>	The Perfect Diet
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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.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Our sick & recovering: Kathy Baszler, Esther Eisenbeis, & Julie Westemeier;
- † Al & Maria Galster, on the death of Al's sister, Irene Guenther;
- † LCMS' newly commissioned 29 missionaries;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.



## **Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Attendance: 82 Offerings: 2,011.75

In Ephesians 5:6-21 St. Paul encourages us to be careful about how we live, how we make wise decisions, and then make the most of every opportunity to demonstrate our love for God by helping, supporting and encouraging all people with whom we come into contact.

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**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!



**Sunday School** begins September 9th. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. If you are willing to teach or substitute teach, please indicate it on the form. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox.

**The August calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, June Council Minutes, Pray for Us Calendar and Happy Times for children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

**LWML Retreat:** Don't you love the excitement of young children when you ask for a volunteer? Wouldn't it be wonderful if the Lord heard us say, "Pick me, pick me!"? Join us at our annual LWML Fall Retreat to hear Pastoral Counselor David Suelzle and Speaker Mary Hilgendorf enlighten and encourage us in serving the Lord together. The retreat will be held the weekend of September 14-16, 2012 at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington, ND. Talk to Mary Jo Larson for registration and more information.

### **Thrivent Come Hungry to Feed the Hungry Picnic**

Join the Central Dakota Associates and the Mercer-Oliver County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Beulah's Riverside Park for an evening of food & fun while supporting your local Food Pantries. Bring along a non-perishable food item and/or make a free-will donation. **You do not** need to be a Thrivent member to attend. This free event includes food, kids' games, entertainment, and door prizes for the entire family. For questions call Becky at 701-222-0672 or email at [becky.worden@thrivent.com](mailto:becky.worden@thrivent.com)

### **† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	4:00—	Come Hungry to Feed the Hungry
	8:00 pm	
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or  
Communion attendance this morning.*