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# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Lord, do not trouble yourself,  
for I am not worthy to have You come under my roof.  
But say the word, and let my servant be healed.*

*[Luke 7:6c, 7b]*



**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43 (ESV)

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

"Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

**Gradual**

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,

**the word of faith that we proclaim.**

For with the heart one believes and is justified,

**and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 1:1-12 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)

After [Jesus] had finished all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to Him elders of the Jews, asking Him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have You do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." And Jesus went with them. When He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to You. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed Him, said, "*I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.*" And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 651

**Sermon:** "*I did not even consider myself worthy*"

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

**“What Shall I Render”** p. 159

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 620, 702

**“Thank the Lord”** p. 164

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**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 528 (st. 1-5)

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.

## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 61 Offerings: \$1,474.00

*“I am not worthy to have You come under my roof.”* For the Christian humility is nothing more than recognizing reality: God is God, and we are sinners. As the Small Catechism puts it: we are not worthy for the things we ask. Yet God blesses us with forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ. So humility and thanksgiving go hand in hand—and they form foundation of all our good works.

**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!

**Vacation Bible School:** We are in need of a director for VBS. If you are willing to be our VBS director, please talk to Terence Schmidt, 873-4898, or Pastor Heller.

**June calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet, children's devotional books and the April Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.



**Nursery:** The nursery looks wonderful! Thanks to all who helped with remodeling the nursery. Your work is greatly appreciated!

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**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** has a new program this year called an "Action Team Project". Marlene Schriefer heard about this program and conferred with Pastor and the Council and was advised to apply for the money. After acceptance, she received a \$250 grant in the form of a credit card, which had limitations on it. A team consisting of Robert & Marlene Schriefer, Blake & Cheryl Wiedrich, Ray & Lorraine Sorge, Steve & Nona Blaisdell and Clifford & Diana Helm was selected.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> the team worked on the flower bed in front of the church as this was the intended project. Blake brought in a load of "good" soil from the Schriefer farm and with the help of Terry Dschaak and his skid steer removed the "old" soil. New flower pots and flowers were purchased and planted. Bob donated the materials and made a cross for the corner and Cliff Schaan is finishing the cross.. A tree was removed by Tom Bornemann and Blake Wiedrich.

Quite a few people have been involved in this project and we want to thank each one for their help. More help will be needed throughout the summer to keep the plants watered. A weekly sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall if you wish to sign up for a week. The team will greatly appreciate the help.

If anyone is interested in pursuing a project, please contact Dennis Vernon. You have to be a Thrivent member to apply for the money, but you do not need to be a Thrivent member to be on the team.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service  
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday 1:00 pm Topic Leaders

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Thursday 1:30 pm Vesper Guild

Friday - Pastor @ District Meeting  
Saturday

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service  
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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