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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*"Return to your home,
and declare how much God has done for you."*

Luke 8:39a

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 744

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock
and my fortress.**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive
me again;

from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
**for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought
to do me hurt.**

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock
and my fortress.**

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Salutation & Collect

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O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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 65:1-9 (ESV)

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

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 3:23 — 4:7 (ESV)

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39 (ESV)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon

into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, *"What is your name?"* And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, *"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."* And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 849

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

L: For all Your sons and daughters, Abba, Father,

C. hear our prayer.

Offering

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Closing Hymn # 761

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!

This morning, we thank Jamey Backus for leading worship while pastor is on vacation.

Vacation Bible School: A VBS team from Shepherd's Hill will be at St. Matthew in Hazen July 22-24. We will be taking any children that would like to attend VBS to St. Matthew for VBS. Rides will be provided and there will be no charge. Please let Pastor Heller know if your child/children will be attending VBS or talk to him if you would like more information.

Greeters are needed for the month of July. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 99 Offerings: \$2,505.00

“Then all the people of the surrounding country of Gerasenes asked him to depart from the, for they were seized with great fear.” The Gerasenes don’t want Jesus—they are upset that He killed their pigs. They refuse to receive Jesus because of what Jesus has cost them. And so they miss out on the blessings that Jesus would give them.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for July calendar information
Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

<p>Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org</p>

Please use a pew card to record your Church attendance this morning.