

801 Beacon Lane Beulah, North Dakota Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost



"I come not to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:13b

## + 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!

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.

# **DIVINE SERVICE**

### Setting One

# Hymn of Invocation # 915

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#### Introit

The Mighty One, God the Lord,

speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Israel, I will testify against you.

#### I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine,

the cattle on a thousand hills.

#### 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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Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament: Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

## Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

## **Epistle Reading:** Romans 4:13-25

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

# "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house. behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when He heard it, He said. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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

Attendance: 58 Offerings: \$2,.806.11

"As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, *'Follow me.'* And he rose and followed Him."

Matthew 9:9

When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, "Follow me," and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I'll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

### Announcements

Watering Flowers: A sign-up sheet is on the table



in the social hall to volunteer to water the flowers. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the entire

week following that Sunday. Thank you!



Kids snacks for Women's Action & Resource Center. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

The June calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and "My Devotions" and "Happy Times" children's devotional booklets are on the table in the social hall.

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Carey Fischer, Tina Heller, and Brenda Weigum.

#### **†** This Week at Concordia **†**

Sunday	8 <i>:00 am</i> 10:00 am	<i>Worship</i> @ <i>Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service	
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center	
Sunday	<i>8:00 am</i> 10:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service	
Church Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com concordiabeulah.org			

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

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