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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 901

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;
 he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
 and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
 and his kingdom rules over all.

**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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 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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Salutation & Collect p. 205

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for
our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and
inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed
hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10-13 (ESV)

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: *"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."*

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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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,

† Donna Weidner, recovering from surgery;

† Jeff & Connie Gегelman & family, as they mourn the death of Connie's mother;

† Kay Kreklau, Drayton, ND, elected president of the International LWML;

† Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters;

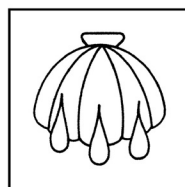
† For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

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!



Following the gathering of our morning offerings, LWML mites will be collected.

Pastor Heller will be at a continuing education class in Fargo Monday — Wednesday. Prof. Bartelt of the St. Louis Seminary will be teaching a class on Isaiah. In case of emergency, please call Glenn & Carla Renner, 948-2534.



Evelyn May Bornemann, daughter of Adam & Krystal Bornemann, was received into the kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 8th. Sponsors are Becca Bornemann & Amanda Merchant. May God keep Evelyn in her Baptismal grace!

Flood Update: Our sister congregation, St. Mark's, Minot, had flood waters fill the basement, including the kitchen. Our Concordia LWML is sending St. Mark's \$50 to help them with clean-up & recovery.

Your July calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, the Pray for Us calendar, May Council Minutes, and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Your new Portals of Prayer booklets are in your mailboxes this morning.



A 90th birthday open house will be held for Hildegard Wallender on Sunday, July 17th, 2-4 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, ND. Everyone is welcome to help her celebrate.

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 9th, 2011 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. **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.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 90 Offerings: \$2,270.00

God's Spirit at work in, with and among us is a strong reminder that we can fight successfully against sin in our lives and produce good works, the fruit of our faith. By faith in Jesus we are children of the Heavenly Father who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's holy purposes. As God's children we grown daily in our Christian loving and giving.

† This Week at Concordia †

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

Monday — Pastor @
Wednesday Continuing Education Class

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Elders Meeting
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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