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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*"I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter what has been hidden since the
foundation of the world.*

Matthew 13:35b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 719

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

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Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (ESV)

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

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 8:28-39 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to

condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52 (ESV)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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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.

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!

Missy (Peterson) Rivers will be with us after worship next Sunday, July 31st, to share her work and experience in Alaska. Please join us!

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven our dear brother in the faith, Melwon Huber. Christian burial was this past Friday, July 22, 2011. "He was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

Topic Leaders for August will meet on Tuesday, July 26th, 1:00 p.m.

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

Lutheran Disaster Response: \$962 was raised for Lutheran Disaster Response to help those affected by flooding with recovery. The Council voted to send an additional \$500 from the interest on Concordia's Endowment Fund. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40).



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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Duane Boeshans & Ruth Rueb;
- † Melvia & Don Renner & Family, as they mourn Melwon's death;
- † 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.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 107 Offerings: \$2,397.00

Because we Christian stewards know that nothing in all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord, we say and do those things that build one another up. We also use all our resources, including money, in ways that please God and bless others.

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Mission Update
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Topic Leaders
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for August calendar
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ KRCC

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