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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Mark 5:10

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymns

686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (st. 1-3, 5)

711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (st. 1-2, 4)

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O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scriptures

Amos 7:7-15 (ESV)

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29 (ESV)

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And

immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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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,

† Our sick & recovering: Kathy Baszler, Doug Hausauer, & Riley Schriefer.

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

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!

LWML Mission Mites will be gathered this morning after the gathering of our morning offering. The Mite Goal approved by the North Dakota LWML at their recent convention is **\$68,000**.

Name of Project	Amount
ND Full-time Church Workers Scholarships	\$35,000
Orphan Grain Train—North Dakota	\$7,500
Project 24—Orphanages in Kenya	\$5,000
Restoring Security for His Children—Minot Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$5,000
Women’s & Children’s Shelter at Standing Rock	\$5,000
Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary to Botswana, Africa	\$2,000
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$2,850
Veterans of the Cross [partial funding]	\$650

Vacation Bible School begins today and continues through Thursday, July 19th, from 6:00 – 8:30 each day. Please join us for the Closing Program Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

LWML Human Care Project for July is in-gathering of winter items (mittens, hats, socks, etc.) for Missy (Peterson) Rivers’ school in Scammon Bay, Alaska.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service * Mites Collection
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Monday	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
	7:30 pm	VBS Closing Program
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 93 Offerings: \$2,628.75

St. Paul reminded the Ephesians and us that God chose us in Christ to be His children who are heirs of eternal life. As God's children we are also chosen to be good stewards of all the blessings and opportunities God gives us. What a joy it will be on the Last Day to hear these words of our Lord; "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Oops! Bulletin Blunder (from an actual church bulletin): During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubs supplied our pulpit.