

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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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**

# 804 (st. 1-4)

### **Confession & Absolution**

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#### **Introit**

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**listen to my plea for grace.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

**unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**and I will glorify your name forever.**

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of  
ruthless men seek my life,

**and they do not set you before them.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and  
faithfulness.**

**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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#### **Kyrie**

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#### **Gloria In Excelsis**

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#### **Salutation & Collect**

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O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8 (ESV)**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

## **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: 18-27 (ESV)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (ESV)

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "*The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'*"

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "*The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.*"

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### **In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick & recovering: Dylan Weigum;

† Rain, that God's creation may flourish.

### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 85 Offerings: \$ 3,257.50

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel—if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**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!

**Worship Time:** Beginning Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, worship will be at **10:00 am**.



**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!

**Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack** is coming to Beulah on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Concordia has registered for the 9:00—11:00 am shift. If anyone, youth or adult, would like to help, please let Nona Blaisdell or Vicky Yeager know.



**The July Human Care Project** is collecting cereal and peanut butter and jelly for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please leave donations in the pantry unit in the entryway. Thank you!

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for August calendar information
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