

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*By grace you have been saved through faith.  
and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God.*

*Ephesians 2:8*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 826

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 203

### **Introit**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and call on the name of the Lord.**

What shall I render to the Lord  
**for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
**and call on the name of the Lord.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
**is the death of his saints.**

O Lord, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

**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**    p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 205

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9 (ESV)**

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

### **Gradual**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

*[Jesus says] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour,*

*and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 555 (st. 1, 6-10)
<b>Sermon</b>	The Generosity of God
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<i>Special music by the Bell Choir.</i>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 712, 744, 631
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 212
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 212
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 680

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: Loretta Bankson (sister of Marlene Schriefer), & Brenda Weigum;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by the wildfires;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by hurricanes & adverse weather.

**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!



**Baby Shower:** Please join us this afternoon at 2:00 pm for a baby shower honoring Summer Jade Morast, the daughter of Evan Morast and Tiffany Mittelsteadt. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome Summer into the family of Concordia.

**“Lutheran Witness”** subscriptions are due October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are currently receiving the magazine you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the subscription, please email [concordiasecretary@westriv.com](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com) or call the church office by Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The Reformation** by Cameron A. MacKenzie is a new book from Concordia Publishing House on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Never before has a history of the Reformation been prepared in English like this one. It brings together the persons, places, events, and issues into clear focus. A sample, along with an order form, are on the table in the social hall. The cost is \$22.49. The deadline for ordering is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church.

**The September Human Care Project** is collecting winter items for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave items in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

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

**Stamp Collecting:** Our LWML helps other LWML Districts in their Mission Projects. You can contribute to this project by saving everyday stamps and placing them in the collection box on the LWML table in the social hall. Please leave a one-fourth inch border around the stamps when cutting them out. Stamps will be sent to the Mission that is using the proceeds for projects. All foreign stamps are usable and sellable. We appreciate your support.



## Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 128      Offerings: \$4,597.00

“And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God—and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

### † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	2:00 pm	Morast Baby Shower
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Group 2 Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for October Calendar Information
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#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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