

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.*

*Jeremiah 15:16a*

**DIVINE SERVICE** Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation** # 822

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**Introit**

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
**and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
**test my heart and my mind.**

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,  
**proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous  
deeds.**

**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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**and the place where your glory dwells.**

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Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 29:11-19 (ESV)

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things

upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding."

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

## **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: Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)**

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

## **Alleluia and Verse**

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## **Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)**

Now when the Pharisees gathered to Him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash.

And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And He said to them, *"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."*

And He said to them, *"You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from Me is Corban' (that is, given to God) —then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."*

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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,**

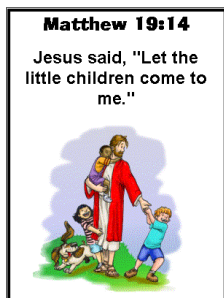
† Jim Black, Carol Buchmann, Kent Larson, Amber Roberson-Kitzman & Shaye Yeaager;

† Our schools, that all good and useful knowledge may flourish and grow;

† For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God.

**Welcome to worship** in this 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!

**Catechism Meeting:** Parents of Catechism students, please remember the information meeting this Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.



***“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”*** (Mt 19:14).

Sunday School begins September 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put the completed forms in Terence’s mailbox or give them to Pastor. We are especially in need of teachers!

**Concordia** is preparing the free meal at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, contact Mary Jo or Kim. Marlene has secured Thrivent Funds for the meal.

**Sweet Corn is ready to be picked!** Bob Ferebee has graciously offered a large patch of sweet corn to members of Concordia, Prince of Peace, and Prairie View Church of God. It is free for the pickin’. In lieu of paying for the corn, a free will donation to your church is suggested. It is located on south side of Highway 200 between Beulah and Zap, approximately 4 1/2 miles west of intersection of Hwys 200 & 49 (the former Reich land NDSU test plot location). The sweet corn patch is growing next to field corn. Count 18 rows in from highway side. The sweet corn plants are shorter than the field corn.

**Thank You** to all who helped with the Feed My Starving Children mobile pack. We especially want to thank Nona for organizing our Concordia work group.



**Watering Flowers:** There is a new sign-up sheet for watering flowers in August and September on the table in the social hall.

## Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 80 Offerings: \$2,624.50

*“But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from Me is Corban’ (that is, given to God).”*

Mark 7:11

Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our fathers, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

### † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
10:00 am Divine Service

Tuesday 1:00 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center

Wednesday 7:00 pm Catechism Meeting

Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for September calendar items

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
10:00 am Divine Service

#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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