

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*Psalm 147:2-3*

**DIVINE SERVICE** Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation** # 797

**Confession & Absolution** p. 203

### **Introit**

The Lord is the strength of his people;

**he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

To you, O Lord, I call: my rock, be not deaf to me,

**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessed be the Lord!

**for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,

and I am helped;

**my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

**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

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a (ESV)**

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## **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:** James 2:1-10, 14-18 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

## **Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

## **Holy Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be*

*opened.*" And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**Apostles' Creed** p. 207

**Hymn of the Day** # 841

**Sermon** *"Be opened"*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 208ff.

**Distribution Hymns** # 524, 623, 632

**Nunc Dimittis** p. 211

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**Closing Hymn** # 528

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, Darcy Fitch, Kent Larson, & Shaye Yeager;

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

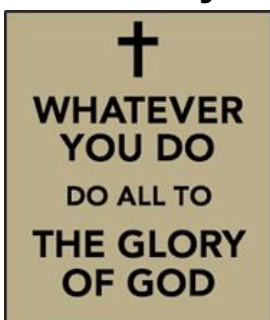
**Welcome to worship** in this season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**All children are welcome** to join us for Sunday School this morning. *“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 19:14).

**Finding Peace in Conflict:** Please join us as we begin this exciting new Bible class this morning. We will search the Scriptures to help us understand what it means to be reconciled to God and how we can work towards reconciliation with other people.

**The family of Concordia** needs Sunday School teachers. In addition, we currently have two vacancies on the Church council, and we will be looking for nominees to fill council positions this fall. Please prayerfully consider filling one of these positions and take comfort in the steadfast Word of God, *Therefore, My beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain* (1 Cor. 15:58).



**We would like to thank** everyone who helped with the community free meal yesterday. We would also like to thank everyone who planted, watered, and cared for the lawn and flowers this summer. Your work is greatly appreciated!



**Donations** of personal care products for Women’s Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of September. Items may include bar soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, diapers, baby wipes, Kleenex, toothbrushes & toothpaste.

**The September calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet and children’s devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 95    Offerings: \$3,319.50

*“For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in.”*

*James 2:2*

God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving—that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

### **† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday    *8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              10:00 am Divine Service  
              11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Monday    10:00 am Circuit Pastors @ Bethel, Bismarck

Tuesday    10:15 am Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center

Wednesday 4:00 pm    Catechism

Sunday    *8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              10:00 am Divine Service  
              11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class/LWML Joint Meeting

#### **Church Office Hours**

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

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