

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28*

## ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**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!

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.

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

### **Setting Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 605

**Confession & Absolution** p. 203

### **Introit**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,  
**my God, in whom I trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—  
**the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**no plague come near your tent.**

**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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**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**Kyrie** p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis** p. 204

**Salutation & Collect** p. 205

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your 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 Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**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.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 7:14-25a

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want,

but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 11:25-30

*At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."*

**Apostles' Creed** p. 207

**Hymn of the Day** # 684

**Sermon** Rest!

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

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

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**Nunc Dimittis** p. 211

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**Benediction** p. 212

**Closing Hymn** # 763

**In our thoughts and prayers,**



† Tina Heller, Elijah Struxness, Deane Weidner,  
and Jan Wolf (sister-in-law of Myron & Carrie  
Hafner).



# stewardship

## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 52 Offerings: \$2,608.10

*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”*

*Mathew 11:28*

Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose – His light yoke which is no burden to bear, but a joy!

## Announcements



**LWML mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

*“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40).* With His words, Jesus reminds us that He does His work on earth through us – our hands, feet, mouths, and check books.

- Next Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have a basket out for donations to Brent & Danielle Mittelstead. Their son, Elijah Struxness, was burned in a fire and airlifted to Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN, where he remains hospitalized. Danielle is with him in St. Paul.
- If you cannot be with us on the 16<sup>th</sup>, donations can be put in Nona Blaisdell’s mailbox or given to her.
- Remember also that you can sign up to bring meals to Brent & the kids in Beulah on Concordia’s website,



[www.concordiabeulah.org](http://www.concordiabeulah.org). Click on “Meal Train” from the top menu.



**You are invited** to an Open House to celebrate with Bob and Marlene Schriefer their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary next Sunday, July 16, 1-3 pm. No gifts please! Gift Bob & Marlene only with the honor of your presence.



**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!



**The July Human Care Ingathering** is school supplies for Woman's Action & Resource Center. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

**Greeters** are needed for the months of July and August. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**The July calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, and the July—September *"Portals of Prayers"* devotional booklets are on the table in the social hall.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service * Mites collection
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 1-3:00 pm	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i> Divine Service Open House for Schriefer's 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Church Office Hours**  
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