

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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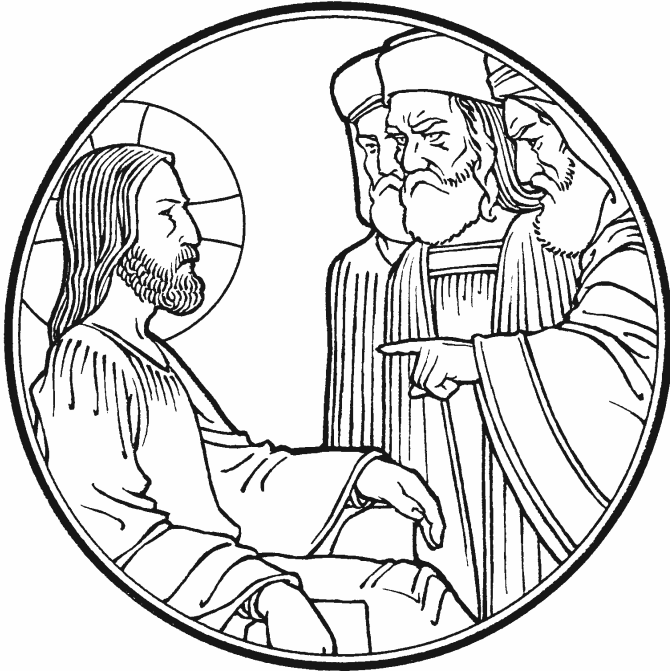
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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*"All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to Me."*

*Matthew 28:18b*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship** as we near the end of the Pentecost season. Daylight hours grow shorter and the green of the fields gives way to the brown of autumn. The changes in nature reflect the spiritual conflict in which we find ourselves. As we near the end of the Pentecost season, we focus our attention more closely on living a Christian life in conflict with Satan. As he prowls around as a roaring lion to devour us, Christ continues to strengthen us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, that we may be faithful unto death. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 812

**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

The Lord lifts up the humble;

**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

**he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the broken hearted

**and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars;

**he gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**his understanding is beyond measure.**

**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.**

The Lord lifts up the humble;

**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria In Excelsis**

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## Salutation & Collect

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Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

## Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

**to guard you in all your ways.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-18**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

“Alleluia”

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**Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:23-32**

And when [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" Jesus answered

them, *"I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?"* And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, *"Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."*

*"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"* They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, *"Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."*

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP  
WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



**In our thoughts and prayers,** we remember  
Hannah Schantz & her family.



## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: Offerings: \$17,708.00

“But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”

Matthew 21:26

Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

## **Baby Shower**

We are having a table top baby shower for Paula Jo Armbrust, the daughter of Evan & Josey (Erickson) Armbrust. Paula Jo was born August 22, 2023 and baptized September 3, 2023 in a private ceremony. Let's celebrate Paula Jo and welcome her into our Concordia Family by showering her with gifts. Gifts can be placed on the decorated table in the social hall.

## Announcements

**THANK YOU** to Jamey Backus for leading our worship service this morning.

**Next Sunday, October 8th,** we celebrate Lutheran



Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday at Concordia. The Lutheran Women in Mission invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the Body of Christ under the theme, "The King is Coming," based upon Psalm

24:7-10. Mission mites will be collected as part of our worship. Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through Lutheran Women in Mission to bring the lost and the erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry.

**Ingathering:** The October Human Care is making birthday cake kits for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, and balloons. Items can be left on the shelves in the entryway.



**The October calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet and October — December "*Portals of Prayer*" booklets are on the table in the social hall. Please help yourself.



**Greeters** are needed for the months of October, November and December. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin in the social hall.

**THANK YOU** to Fellowship, Nona Blaisdell, Robyn Kato, and Tracy Backus for the doughnuts, cookies and bars that were served for fellowship coffee in September.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	4:00 am	Catechism
Sunday	LWML Sunday	
	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service * Mites collected
	11:00 am	Bible Class

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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