

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost



*“Return to your home,
and declare how much God has done for you.”*

Luke 8:39a

✠ 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!

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Introit

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
**you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;

**from the depths of the earth you will bring me up
again.**

You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness,
O my God;

**I will sing praises to you with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day
long,

**for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.**

**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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O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Gradual

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me." For He had

commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "*What is your name?*" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "*Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.*" And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for 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,

✠ Our sick & recovering, Kent Larson,
Kent Mickelson (uncle of Amy Bieber),
& Michelle Wolf;

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 86 Offerings: \$2,729.00

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the
Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them,
for they were seized with great fear.
So He got into the boat and returned.

Luke 8:37

The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd – their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

Announcements

New members Recognition: Please join us after worship this morning, as we recognize our new members with cake and ice cream.

Continuing Education: Pastor Heller will be attending a continuing education class in St. Paul, MN, Monday – Friday of this coming week. The class will look at the writings of Hermann Sasse, perhaps the most important confessional Lutheran theologian of the twentieth century, on such pastoral issues as closed communion, the office of the ministry, liturgy, church fellowship, and women's ordination.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall if you are interested in bringing treats, cookies or bars for Sunday coffee hour.



Donations of children's summer snacks for Women's Action and Resource Center are welcome during the month of June. Donations may be left on the shelves in the entryway.



Watering Schedule: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for watering flowers at Church. Please note that the dates listed are Sunday's, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.

Greeters are needed for the month of July. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

✠ **THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA** ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
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Monday – Friday
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*Please use a pew card to record your worship
and/or Communion attendance this morning.*

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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. :
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