

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,  
He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

✠ 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!

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      **Setting Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 819

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 203

**Introit**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Righteousness will go before him  
**and make his footsteps a way.**

**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 grant us your salvation.**

**Kyrie**    p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 205

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 19:9b-21

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the

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.

fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

### **Gradual**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
**who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**  
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
**and their words to the ends of the world.**

### **Epistle Reading:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*" To another He said, "*Follow Me.*" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "*Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.*"

Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "*No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.*"

**Apostles' Creed** p. 207  
**Hymn of the Day** # 688  
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**Prayer of the Church**

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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, Ken Mickelson (uncle of Amy Bieber), Lynne Wolf (friend of Carrie Hafner), & Michelle Wolf.

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## Announcements

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation July 3 – 9. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.



**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.

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



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

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

### ✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

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

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### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 71      Offerings: \$2,140.00

*"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."*

*1 Kings 19:18*

Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

**Greetings, North Dakota District.** I plan to have a weekly bulletin blurb to communicate various events happening in the district, relay greetings, and other news and information.

I pray that these little blurbs will be informative and encouraging for you.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President