

Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."*

Matthew 13:35b

✠ 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 guestbook and worship with us again soon.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 902

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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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make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria In Excelsis p. 204

Salutation & Collect p. 205

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all

peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

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 8:28-39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52

[Jesus says] *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."*

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day: # 732 (st. 1-4)

Sermon: Nothing Special

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff

Distribution Hymns: # 619, 620 (st. 1-4), 643

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn # 922

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



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

In our thoughts and prayers,



✝ Our sick & recovering, Tom Bornemann, Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Samantha Scheurer (friend of Joslyn Frey), & Kyle Winkler.

The Dying Well Conference will be held at Immanuel Lutheran – Willow Creek on August 7-9. Rev. Dr. Kent Bureson will address questions such as: How do we prepare for dying throughout our lives? How should we treat the dying? How does the way we treat our dying and our dead reflect on our confession of faith? Do our Lutheran confessions shed light on how we make these decisions? What decisions make the most faithful confession? What drives our decision-making? Is it our confession, or is it societal norms and the funeral industry? Do we even know that it matters? For more information on the conference, please see the ND District Events calendar at www.nodaklcms.org/events/calendar or email Mrs. Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Pastor Sperry, for leading worship this morning.



Watering Flowers: A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship 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 ingathering is “Back to School Supplies” for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

August greeters are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 57 Offerings: \$2,180.00

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:45–46

Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for August Calendar
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service