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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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*"Whoever would save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*

*Matthew 16:25*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 688

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 203

**Introit**

Delight yourself in the Lord,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;  
**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
**and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his  
way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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 he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Kyrie**                                              p. 204

**Glory to God**                                      p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 205

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

### **Gradual**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

### **Epistle Reading:** Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "*Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.*"

Then Jesus told His disciples, "*If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.*"

**Apostles' Creed** p. 207**Hymn of the Day** # 531**Sermon** "*Take Up His Cross and Follow Me*"**Prayer of the Church****Offering****Service of the Sacrament** p. 208ff.**Distribution Hymns** # 427, 620**Nunc Dimittis** p. 211**Post-Communion Collect** p. 212**Benediction** p. 212**Closing Hymn** # 861

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.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Bernie & Eileen Keller & Don Kuch;
- † Leeta Aanderud & Family, as they mourn the death of Leeta's mother, Lavern Mueller;
- † The Family of Elsie Pfennig, as they mourn her death;
- † Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest;
- † Rev. William Kilps, as he considers the call to St. Matthew, Hazen.



**Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 84 Offerings: \$1,933.25

Christian stewards are people who are joyful in hope, patient in affliction and patient in prayer. We lovingly practice Christian hospitality and share with people in need. Jesus told us that "others will know we are Christians by our love." What we say and do as God's stewards really does make a difference. How we use our resources, whatever they may be, make a powerful witness to our love for Jesus who first loved us.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

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| Sunday    | 8:30 am  | Divine Service                  |
|           | 10:30 am | <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>     |
| Tuesday   | 2:00 pm  | Bible Class                     |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am  | Deadline for September Calendar |
| Sunday    | 8:30 am  | Divine Service                  |
|           | 10:30 am | <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>     |

**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
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**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!

**Sunday School** begins September 11<sup>th</sup>. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put your child's age and grade in school on the form and place in Terence Schmidt's mailbox. If you are willing to teach, team teach or substitute teach please indicate it on the form or talk to Terence. Teachers are needed for the preschool/ kindergarten, first/second, third/fourth, and fifth/sixth grade levels. Some grades may need to be combined based on enrollment and availability of teachers.



**It has so pleased** God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Elsie Pfennig. Christian Burial was this past Friday. *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life (John 5:24).”*