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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*[Liturgical Text]*



## **Old Testament: Genesis 11:1-9 (ESV)**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

## **Gradual**

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

**and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.**

With the heart one believes and is justified,

**and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

## **Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak

in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 14:23-31 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.*

*"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the*

*Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard Me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the Ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on Me, but I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."*

**Apostles' Creed** p. 159

**Hymn of the Day** # 500

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

 *The handbells will ring "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" during the gathering of Offerings.*

**"What Shall I Render"** p. 159

**The Lord's Prayer** p. 162

**Closing Collect**

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 650

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Carmen Dschaak, hospitalized.

**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 135 Offerings: \$3,129.00

Pentecost is the celebration of thanksgiving for the spring crop. Pentecost involved giving the first fruits back to God's work of the ministry in the Temple. In the fullness of time, God sent His Apostles out for a better harvest; to gather in God's people from every tribe and nation. We are that harvest, and we still give of our first fruits that the harvest may continue.

**Welcome to worship** on the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter Sunday, is the crowning close of the Easter season. On this day, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, was poured out on the apostles for the purpose of creating our Lord's church on earth. The Spirit is the comforter, the One promised by our Lord, who comforts us by bringing us to Jesus Christ, so that we trust, rejoice, and find comfort in Him alone. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**This morning**, we welcome Bill Sharpe, the Assistant to the President of our District, and thank him for leading worship. Following worship, please join us for Bible class when he will be sharing the work of our district with us.



**Potluck Recognition:** Please join us this morning at 11:00 a.m. to honor our high school graduates, Logan Eisenbeis & Kelsie Schmidt.

**Reminder:** Pastor Heller will be on vacation until May 27<sup>th</sup>. In case pastoral care is needed, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.



**The congregation** is invited to an open house for Logan Eisenbeis to celebrate his high school graduation on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Church.

**Vacation Bible School:** We are in need of a director for VBS. If you are willing to serve as VBS director, please talk to Terence Schmidt, 873-4898.



**Human Care:** The May Human Care Project is collecting Pasta items for Women's Action & Resource Center. A pantry has been set up in the entryway for your items.

**Last Chance:** The Mercer County Fair Parade is Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. If Concordia is going to have an entry in the parade, we need a coordinator to organize it. If you are willing to coordinate an entry for the parade, please talk to Ray Sorge, 873-7682.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Bible Class Potluck Recognition
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Saturday	3:00—7:00 pm	Eisenbeis Graduation Open House
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church attendance this morning.*

**The Kermit Gosnell Verdict: Implications for Pro-Life Lutheran Christians**  
*A statement by LCMS Life Ministries*  
*May 13, 2013*



After a nine-week trial, which included weeks of graphic testimony, a Pennsylvania jury found Dr. Kermit Gosnell guilty of three of four counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of babies who were born alive, but who died after their spinal cords were severed in procedures Gosnell called “abortions.” He was acquitted on the fourth murder charge. Gosnell also was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the botched abortion death of one mother. He faced 258 counts total, including 24 counts of performing abortions after 24 weeks gestation, which is illegal in Pennsylvania, and hundreds of charges of violating Pennsylvania’s informed consent and 24-hour waiting period laws. The jury is now in the penalty phase.

Gosnell’s murder trial became the subject of much debate nationally after pro-life activists and others criticized the mainstream media for ignoring the trial early on.

As pro-life Christians devoted to the biblical understanding of the sanctity of human life, we grieve over the tragic loss of these lives and the thousands of other children and mothers who die daily as a result of abortion. Today’s conviction of Gosnell brings justice for the many victims of this horrific abortion facility and demonstrates that abortion is clearly a slippery slope that seeks to deprive the most helpless of their basic human right: life.

The LCMS develops and promotes resources and support for pregnant women so they can avoid seeking abortions. Abortion doesn’t solve — but only masks — problems many women face and leaves many of them grieving the death of a child.

The Gosnell case generated a larger debate and rightly caused people to consider the philosophical issue of why an abortion procedure performed in utero is legal, but also how a similar act a few minutes later, outside the womb, is considered homicide.

Clearly, the case was about the death of five persons and no one can argue against the personhood of these four smaller humans. This case has exposed the ugly underbelly of the pro-abortion movement and it has brought the humanity of unborn children before the public conscience.

We call upon legislators and citizens to examine the brutality of abortion, which takes the lives of 1.2 million children every year, and the mothers who die as well. (The Center for Disease Control reports that about 400 women have died as a result of legal abortions since 1973, and 12 died in 2008, the last time such research was gathered.)

Our church aims to be a place of forgiveness, mercy and healing for all people as we continue to proclaim Christ’s comfort and truth in love. As we move forward following this ruling, we offer up our prayers for women and children in need, for families, that those still participating in the abortion industry would stop, and for our nation.

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