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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over Him.*

*"In the world you will have tribulation.*

*But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

*Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

**Divine Service**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**              # 779

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### **Introit**

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;  
**he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

My heart is in anguish within me;  
**the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

But I call to God,  
**and the Lord will save me.**

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,  
**and he hears my voice.**

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,  
**for many are arrayed against me.**

**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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**he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 152

**This is the Feast**                      p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**                p. 156

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (ESV)**

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

### **Gradual**

Christ has risen from the dead,

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
**he has put all things under his feet.**

### **Epistle Reading:** Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**“Alleluia”** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 16:23-33 (ESV)

*[Jesus says] “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”*

*“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”*

His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, *“Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Ye alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

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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.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Carmen Dschaak;

† Deane Weidner & Family, on the death of Deane's mother;

† For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors will result in a bountiful harvest.

**Welcome to worship on Rogate Sunday.** The Church celebrates the Sunday before the Ascension of Christ as Rogate or Prayer Sunday. "Rogate" means "ask". Rogate Sunday teaches us that we are the praying church. As we focus our attention on the ascension of Christ, we remember that, even though He has ascended, He is still our Priest, who pleads and prays for us before the Father in heaven. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**Special Music:** The Handbells will ring "You Are My All in All" as part of our worship this morning.

**Today's Sunday School lesson** is about the Lord's Prayer. The children learn that our heavenly Father invites us to pray and promises to hear our prayer for the sake of His Son, Jesus. What things have you prayed for? How has God answered your prayers? Review what the catechism has to say about the Lord's Prayer.

**1 John:** Please join us this morning for Bible class as we continue our study of 1 John, learning what it means to have fellowship with God and with one another.



**Baby Shower:** The entire congregation is invited to a baby shower for Delaney Rosenow, today at 2:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship hall. Please join us to welcome Delaney into the Family of Concordia.

**Monday - Wednesday** of this week Pastor will be at the Spring Pastors Conference in Grand Forks. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.



**Potluck Recognition:** Please join us Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., to honor our high school graduates.

**Float:** The Mercer County Fair Parade is Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. If Concordia is going to have a float in the parade, we will need a coordinator to organize it. If you are willing to coordinate a float, please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor Heller.

**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 or Pastor Heller.

**A fundraiser** for the Knife River Care Center - Memorial Garden Project is being held today at Hazen City Hall. A fleischkuechle supper will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., with a jam session beginning at 6:00 p.m. A poster is hanging on the bulletin board for more information.

**Host Families** are needed to home an exchange student for the 2013-2014 school year. Please contact Dee Madche, 748-2005 or email [deemadche@midco.net](mailto:deemadche@midco.net), for more information.

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## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 148 Offerings: \$3,276.00

“The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.” God must move first—Lydia could not open her own heart, for like all people she was by nature sinful and unclean. But the Lord knocks down barriers and opens hearts—He moves first and blesses Lydia with faith. The same pattern is followed throughout our entire spiritual life. We believe because God opens our hearts; we forgive others because God forgave us; we give generously because God has given to us beyond the bounds of generosity.

### ***We are the North Dakota District...***

In Kenya Africa, the “Big 5” is the rhino, elephant, cheetah, lion, and caped buffalo. Our Kenya Task Force started “The Big 5 Giving Club.” Rather than animals, the Big 5 Giving Club involves dollar increments of giving to Project 24 (orphanages in Kenya) and the Mary Okeyo Scholarship Fund to send young adults to Kenya on a mercy experience trip. Please look for or ask your pastor for a “Big 5 Giving Club” brochure or go to [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org) and look for “Kenya.” Your small gift can do great things in our Life Together with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday      8:30 am      Divine Service  
              9:30 am      Sunday School/Bible Class  
              11:00 am     *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              2:00 pm      Rosenow Baby Shower

Monday —    Pastor @ Spring Pastors Conference  
Wednesday

Wednesday 7:00 pm      Chime Practice  
              7:30 pm      Bell Practice

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              9:30 am      Sunday School/Bible Class  
                                  \* Last Day of Sunday School  
              11:00 am     *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
              2:30 pm      Pastor @ Knife River Care Center

**Church Office Hours**  
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or  
Communion attendance this morning.*