

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



*"All things are possible for one who believes."*

*Mark 9:23b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                          Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 864

**Confession & Absolution**                p. 151

**Introit**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**all you who wait for the Lord!**

But I trust in you, O Lord;

**I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from  
my persecutors!**

Make your face shine on your servant;

**save me in your steadfast love!**

**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.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**all you who wait for the Lord!**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**Gloria In Excelsis**                          p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need,  
continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by  
Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-10 (ESV)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are  
taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who  
is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

## **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: James 3:1-12 (ESV)**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue

is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

“Alleluia”

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. And He asked them, *"What are you arguing about with them?"* And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And He answered them, *"O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me."* And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, *"How long has this been happening to him?"* And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, *"If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."* Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, *"You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."* And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, *"This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 867
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<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
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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.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Pentecost. This morning, our worship focuses on Christian Education. Today, we pray God's blessings upon the Christian instruction of our children that, through the hearing and learning of God's Word, they be made wise unto salvation in Christ and trained in holy living. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Please join us** for bars and coffee following worship this morning.



***Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it*** (Proverbs 22:6). Sunday School begins this morning following worship. Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall.

***"The righteous shall live by faith"*** (Romans 1:17). What does this mean? Please join us for Bible class as we begin a study of the book of the Romans this morning.

**Roofing Project Update:** The balance of our loan to Lutheran Church Extension Fund is \$12,480. Donations of any amount are welcome to pay off our financial obligation. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.

**Parents of Catechism students,** please remember the information meeting this Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm.

**Bibles:** Next Sunday, September 20, Bibles will be presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders during worship.



**Sign-up Sheet:** Volunteers are needed to water the flowers at Church for the remainder of September. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**"Lost & Found"** a musical group will be presenting a free concert at Zion Lutheran Church, 413 Avenue D East, Bismarck, Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. There will be a free-will offering to offset expenses.

**Lutheran Witness:** It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email [concordiasecretary@westriv.com](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com) or call the Church office by Monday, September 28th. Also if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

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### **In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick & recovering: Jim Black, Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† Our Sunday School & Catechism teachers, that God would use them as instruments of His grace;

† Our Sunday School & Catechism students, that they would be made wise unto salvation in Christ and trained in holy living;

† For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God.



### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$3,048.00

“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this? Notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity; He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Hannover
Tuesday	9:15 am	Pastor @ Meeting (Minot)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Catechism Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
Communion attendance this morning*