

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Far be it from me to boast except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the world.*

*Galatians 6:14*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 427

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 203

**Introit**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
**and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

My soul melts away for sorrow;  
**strengthen me according to your word!**

Put false ways far from me  
**and graciously teach me your law!**

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
**I set your just decrees before me.**

I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;  
**let me not be put to shame!**

I will run in the way of your commandments  
**when you enlarge my heart!**

**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.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
**and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

**Kyrie**    p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 205

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

## **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:** Philemon 1-21 (ESV)

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Alleluia and Verse**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down*

*and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.*

*"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
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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,**

† Our sick & recovering: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Marilyn Helm, Lacy Korbyn, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† Joey & Michelle Wolf & family, on the death of Michelle's mother;

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

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 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!

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

**Corrections to September Calendar:**

1. The Walker/Bickerstaff wedding is Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm. Rehearsal is Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.
2. Elders will meet Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.

**Sunday School** begins next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>! Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put all completed registration forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox. If you would like to teach or help, please talk to Terence.



**All youth**, grades 7-12, are invited to join us at 10:30 am next Sunday, September 11, for food, fun and fellowship.

**Finance Committee:** We are in need of someone to serve on the Finance Committee. Please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor Heller if you are interested.

**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 115 Offerings: \$3,179.00

*“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.”* None of what we have is ours – it all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God’s purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to leave generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It’s not “ours,” it’s His; God owns, we manage for the furtherance of His goals.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Monday	Church office closed for Labor Day	
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Catechism Meeting
Thursday	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	LWML Joint Meeting
Friday	4:00 pm	Walker/Bickerstaff Wedding
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	LYF Meeting
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin