

Concordia Lutheran Church

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*"Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."*

John 6:68

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 696

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Introit

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people, he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**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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Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (ESV)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our 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: Ephesians 5:6-21 (ESV)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Holy Gospel: John 6:51-69 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on*

Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "*Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.*" (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And He said, "*This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.*"

After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "*Do you want to go away as well?*" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

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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,

- † Jim Black, Carol Buchmann, Kent Larson, & Amber Roberson-Kitzman;
- † For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God.

Welcome to worship in this 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 Wednesday, August 29th, 7:00 pm.



Watering Flowers: There is a new sign-up sheet for watering flowers in August and September on the table in the social hall.

Donations of whatever you want to donate to Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of August. Items can be left on the shelves in the entryway. Whatever you donate is very much appreciated.

The Mission of Feed My Starving Children is Feeding God's starving



children hungry in body and spirit. Concordia has started a team to work at the Beulah mobile packing on August 25th, 9:30 - 11:30 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The goal for this mobile pack to be successful is \$23,950. So far only \$9,251 has been raised so they are short of monies to help pay for this. Please consider donating. Donations can be given to Nona and also if you would like to join in the mobile packing let Nona know so she can sign you up.

The August calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and "Happy Times" booklets for the younger children are available in the social hall.

Sweet Corn: Bob Ferebee has graciously offered a large patch of sweet corn to members of Concordia, Prince of Peace, and Prairie View Church of God. It is free for the pickin'. In lieu of paying for the corn, a free will donation to your church is suggested. It is located on south side of Highway 200 between Beulah and Zap, approximately 4 1/2 miles west of intersection of Hwys 200 & 49 (the former Reich land NDSU test plot location). The sweet corn patch is growing next to field corn. Count 12 rows in from highway side. The sweet corn plants are shorter than the field corn. There will be updates as to when it will be ready to be picked



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 59 Offerings: \$2,235.50

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for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of
disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them.”*

Ephesians 5:6-7

The wrath of God is a real thing and we do well to reflect on this. As the Small Catechism states: God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Saturday	9:30 - 11:30 am	Feed My Starving Children at Prince of Peace
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