

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*Put on the whole armor of God,  
that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

*Ephesians 6:11*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      **Setting Four**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 905

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**Introit**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**and cleanse me from my sin!**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,

**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**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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**Gloria In Excelsis**                              p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**                              p. 205

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

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.

## 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 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel: St. Mark 7:14-23

And [Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, *"Hear Me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."*

And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. And He said to them, *"Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?"* (Thus He declared all foods clean.) And He said, *"What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."*

## Apostles' Creed

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## Hymn of the Day

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## Sermon: The Enemy is You!

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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## Closing Hymn

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



## Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

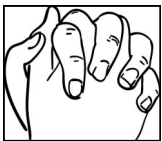
Attendance: 76 Offerings: \$5,980.00

*“Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”*

Deuteronomy 4:6

There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

### In our thoughts and prayers,

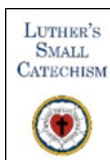


- ✠ Our sick & recovering: Al Galster, Norma Sailer & Shirley Stern;
- ✠ For a bountiful harvest, that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God;
- ✠ Pastors & Congregations of our North Dakota District, especially the vacant congregations of the District.

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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 Information Meeting:** Parents and students, we will meet this Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.



***“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belong the kingdom of heaven (Mt 19:14).”*** Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am.

**The September Ingathering** is warm winter gear such as, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

**After years of dedicated service,** Kim Senske will be retiring from cleaning the church in October. We are seeking someone to take over this job and would prefer it be a member of Concordia. Weekly duties will include (but not limited to), vacuuming carpets and rugs, bathroom cleaning, ordering cleaning supplies and mopping hard floors. If interested contact Jamey Backus, 880-0621, to discuss details and compensation.



**Starting in September,** there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall to sign up to provide bars, cookies, donuts or any kind of treat for Sunday fellowship. Please let Nona know before hand or use the sign-up sheet if you are planning to serve coffee or bringing something to serve. If you have any questions visit with Nona, 870-1243.



**The September calendar** and birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the fellowship hall.

**Thank You** Fern Schlender for providing bars, cookies and rolls for coffee fellowship for the month of August.



**Watering Schedule:** There is a sign-up sheet for watering flowers at Church on the table in the social hall. The dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin  
10:00 am Divine Service  
3:00 pm LYF Ice Cream Social & Planning Meeting

Monday Church Office Closed

Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 6:30 pm Catechism Information Meeting

Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Divine Service  
11:00 am Bible Class

### Church Office Hours

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