

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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16th Sunday after Pentecost



*The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Psalm 147:2-3

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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!

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting Four**

Hymn of Invocation # 839

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Introit

The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O Lord, I call: my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the Lord!

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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 is the saving refuge of his anointed.

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O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be opened*." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). With firm faith and trust in God's promise, Sunday School began at 9:15 am this morning. All children are welcome to join us!

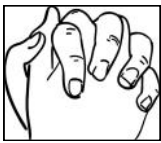
The September Ingathering is warm winter gear such as, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women's Action & Resource Center.

Sunday Morning Coffee: If you or your family would like to provide treats for Sunday morning fellowship there is a sign-up sheet on table in the social hall! Baked, bought or whatever you want to provide. And if you are on the calendar to serve coffee for the month and you are planning to bring treats, please sign the sheet also. If you have any questions visit with Nona, 870-1243.



The September calendar and birthday and anniversary sheet and the July council minutes are on the table in the fellowship hall.

In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✝ Our sick & recovering: Al Galster, Darlene Traxel, & 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.

✝ This Week at Concordia ✝

Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday School Divine Service Bible Class
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Mandan
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism Council Meeting
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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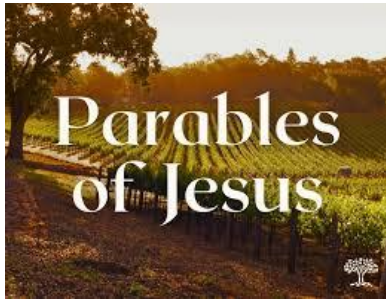
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A parable is a simple story to teach a great truth. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus taught great truths about the Kingdom of Heaven in parables. He used ordinary, common, everyday things that people could relate to in order to help them better understand the Gospel. And sometimes, He hid great truths of the Kingdom of Heaven in a parable.

Because we have a desire to know God and grow more and more in wisdom and knowledge of the Gospel, join us as we begin an exciting new Bible study on “The Parables of Jesus.”

We will learn the truths Jesus taught by studying:

- The Prodigal Son
- The Great Banquet
- The Talents
- The Sower
- The Unmerciful Servant
- The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- The Rich Fool
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- The Good Samaritan
- Workers in the Vineyard
- The Ten Virgins

Greetings in Christ,

To the saints of God that are gathered together at Concordia Lutheran Church in Beulah, ND:

I pray that our Lord’s richest blessings are with you! My name is Dylan Meyer and I am currently a fourth-year Seminary student down at the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO (you might also enjoy to know that I was the Vicar this past year at Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck!). The reason I write to you is because I have recently found out that you have decided to adopt me in my final year of pastoral studies (of which I am so very grateful and consider myself blessed by people like you!). So here’s a little information about me, my family, and where I’m from: I am from Buffalo, MN (my home congregation is St. John’s Lutheran Church of Buffalo), I am the son of an LCMS pastor (Rev. Phil Meyer) and of an electrical engineer (my mom works for Xcel Energy), and I have one younger brother (who is my only sibling). Additionally, I am passionate about Spanish language and culture, playing the acoustic guitar and drums, and doing high-adrenaline activities (skiing, riding rollercoasters, SCUBA diving, etc.). Most of all, however, I am passionate about diving into God’s Word and reading about how our Lord has graciously chosen to reveal Himself and His Story to us, as His people! My favorite Scripture verse (as well as my Confirmation verse) is Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) – “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” May God’s grace and peace be with you and may you also be so encouraged to “look to Jesus”, who is the “founder and perfecter” of YOUR faith!

Dylan Meyer