

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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

✠ 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 # 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

"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

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

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

p. 205

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:25-35

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."

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 729

Sermon: The Salt of the Earth

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

Distribution Hymns # 570, 783

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

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Closing Hymn # 707



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

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

In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✠ Our sick & recovering, Lonny Chapman (cousin of Leeta Aanderud), Myron Hafner, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Marv Kuschel, Hannah Schantz, Ray Sorge, & Michelle Wolf;
- ✠ For a bountiful harvest, that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from *Lutheran Service Book*

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Announcements

There will be no Sarah Guild meeting on September 15th. The next meeting date will be October 20th, 7:00 pm.

Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat: Please join us September 26 – September 28 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. Sean Daenzer, is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile. Registration forms are on the LWML table in the fellowship hall.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you wish to discontinue your subscription or begin receiving the magazine, please call the Church office or email concordiasecretary@westriv.com by Wednesday, October 7th. Also, if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

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



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

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall if you are interested in bringing treats for Sunday coffee hour.



Watering Flowers: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for watering the flowers at Church. Please note that 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
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	9:30 pm	Circuit Pastors @ Concordia, Beulah
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
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	11:00 am	Bible Class
	4:00 pm	LYF

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Today, many congregations are celebrating Rally Day - the first day of Sunday School. I pray God's blessings on the students who will attend the Sunday Schools across the North Dakota District and the teachers who have graciously volunteered to teach the children of their congregation all that Jesus has done for them.

Rev. Mark Chepulis

North Dakota District President