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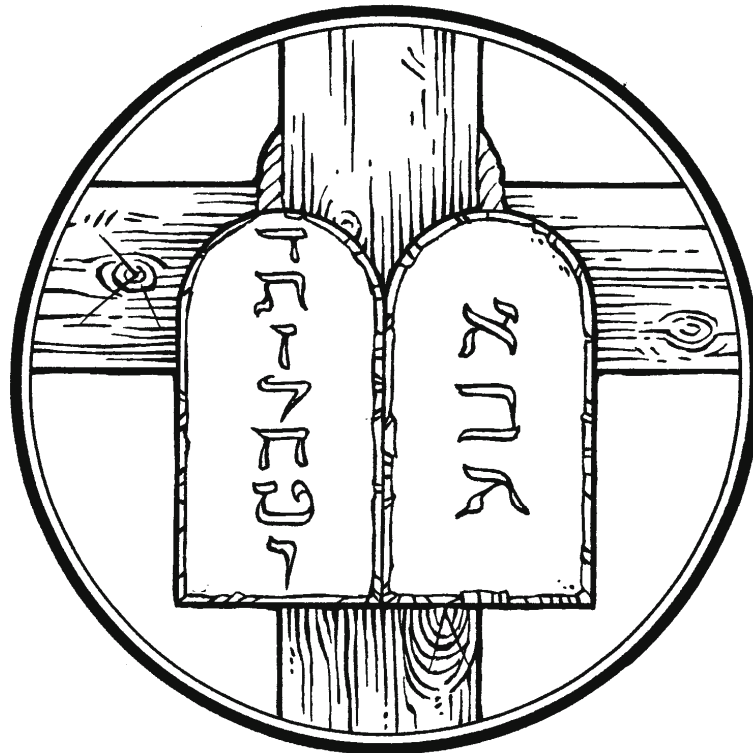
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*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

Matthew 22:37b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 689

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

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.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Kyrie p. 152

Glory to God p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (ESV)

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 (ESV)

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 22:34-46 (ESV)

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, *"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?"* They said to Him, "The son of David." He said to them, *"How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, " 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?"*

If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

Apostles' Creed p. 159
Hymn of the Day # 649
Sermon What God Wants
Prayer of the Church
Offering
“What Shall I Render” p. 159
The Lord’s Prayer p. 162
Closing Collect
Benediction p. 166
Closing Hymn # 707

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Betty Hausauer, Don Kuch, & Ruth Rueb;

† Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 122 Offerings: \$2,525.25

St. Paul reminded the Thessalonian Christians of how he and his companions worked among them. They sought to do only that which brought honor and glory to Christ and blessings to others. What a joy and privilege for us as God's stewards to use all that we are and have for His glory and the welfare of those around us!

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!

Thank you to Jamey Backus for leading worship this morning.

Today in Sunday School, the lesson recalls the wonderful account of Moses and the burning bush. Just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God in Christ removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence. Talk with your child about who makes us holy before God. Ask him or her to tell you the story about Moses and the burning bush. What did Moses have to do, and why, in order to be in God's presence? Review the Third Commandment and its meaning from the catechism.

Trunk or Treat: The congregation is once again invited to participate in Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31st. 4:30-6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Steve and Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426. We need about 10 cars to make this a success. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please leave it in the Church kitchen.

The October Human Care Project is collecting white wash cloths for Knife River Care Center.

The October calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, August Council minutes and children’s devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up any copies you wish.

Nominations for Church Officers are being taken at this time. We are in need of 3 elders, and 5 other positions. If you are interested in an office, please talk to Glenn Renner, 948-2534 or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

Greeters are needed for the months of November and December. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for November Calendar
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours
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Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or communion attendance this morning.