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*By grace you have been saved through faith.
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.*

Ephesians 2:8

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 565 (*tune: Darwall's 148th*)

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Introit

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

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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and call on the name of the Lord.

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Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

So the last will be first, and the first last."

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon: “Do you begrudge My generosity?”

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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,

- † Bernie & Eileen Keller, & Ruth Rueb;
- † Jamey & Tracy Backus, on the birth of a daughter, Ainsleigh Marie;
- † Henry & Betty Kuhn, on the death of Henry’s brother;
- † Mason Douglas Neuberger, baptized into Christ;
- † Our neighbors, whose lives and property have been affected by tornadoes, floods, & other natural disasters;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

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!

Today in Sunday School the children study how Esau forgives Jacob. This account teaches us how Jacob struggled against man and God for his birthright. Students learn that Jesus struggled against sin and death to win our heavenly birthright. Talk to your children about sin and how it breaks families and relationships. Discuss how sin severed our relationship with God, how through Jesus we are restored to God eternally, and how Jesus helps us as God's children to restore our broken human relationships.

WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER describes what the Church does in this world while living under the shadow of Jesus' cross. Please join us for Bible class this morning as we grow in grace so that in all we do, Christ is at the center, leading us, sustaining us, keeping us focused on our mission.



Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Bake Sale: Nikki Stevens, the daughter of B. Todd & Kristi Stevens, will be leaving November 8th for a two-week medical mission trip to Matongo, Kenya, as part of a Mercy Medical Team with LCMS World Relief & Human Care. Sarah Guild will be having a bake sale next Sunday, September 25th, to help raise funds for Nikki's mission trip.

Mason Douglas Neuberger, son of John & Shantel Neuberger, was received into the kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 17th. Sponsors are Shawn Yeager and Julie Morales. May God keep Mason in his Baptismal grace!



SW LWML Fall Rally will be on Saturday, October 1st at Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Registration begins at 9:30 am. A posted has been hung on the LWML bulletin board for more information.

The September Human Care Project is collecting personal care products for Women's Action & Resource Center.

The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, July 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.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Wednesday, September 28th.

The Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice Grief Support Group will begin Tuesday, September 27th from 6:30-8:00 pm. and run for a 10-week session. Meetings will be held at the SMC Hospice Office. Refreshments will be served. Please call 748-7380 for more information.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 121 Offerings: \$3,070.25

St. Paul saw the hand of God in everything that happened to him. When he wrote the letter to the Philippians he was in prison, not for any crime he had committed, but rather for his bold witness to Jesus Christ! What an encouragement for us to stand up for our Christian faith by words and actions and be good stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild @ Church
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
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	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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