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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

*Matthew 5:3*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting Four

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 605

**Confession & Absolution**    p. 203

**Introit**

How great are your works, O Lord!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**and your faithfulness by night,**

to the music of the lute and the harp,

**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**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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**Your thoughts are very deep!**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 204

**Gloria In Excelsis**                p. 204

**Salutation & Collect**            p. 205

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 (ESV)

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

## **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:** Romans 13:1-10 (ESV)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

## **Alleluia and Verse**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 18:1-20 (ESV)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, *"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

*"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.*

*"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.*

*What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*

*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 725
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Whoever humbles himself like this child"</i>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 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.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Barney Baszler, Bernie & Eileen Keller, Don Kuch & Ruth Rueb;
- † 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;
- † Rev. William Kilps, as he considers the call to St. Matthew, Hazen.

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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!



**Sunday School** begins next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put completed forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox. If you are willing to teach, team teach or substitute teach please indicate it on the form or talk to Terence. Teachers are needed for the preschool/kindergarten, first/second, third/fourth, and fifth/sixth grade levels.

**WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER** describes what the Church does in this world while living under the shadow of Jesus' cross. These phrases illustrate how the church lives and works together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sister in christ in our congregations, communities and throughout the world. Please join us for Bible class beginning Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Benefit:** There will be a benefit for Caroline & Curt Brinkman on Sunday, September 11th, 2011, at the Golden Valley Community Hall. There will be a potluck meal from 11:00-1:30 pm and an auction beginning at 1:30 pm (all times CDT). Donations are welcome. Supplemental funding has been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Mercer/Oliver Chapter.

 **Concordia** is in need of additional bell and chime ringers. It is fairly easy to learn and you do not need to read music. We will be practicing 30 minutes per week for chimes and 30 minutes per week for bells. For more information contact Cindy Peterson, 948-2273.

**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.



### **Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 88 Offerings: \$2,097.00

Today's Epistle reading reminds us that as Christian stewards and citizens of this country we owe allegiance and submission to the governing authorities, because authorities have been established by God to reward those who do right and punish those who do wrong. This means, among other things, that we obey the laws, seek the common good and use our faith and values as Christians to be a stronger influence in moving our nation to higher moral ground.

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Sunday      8:30 am    Divine Service  
                 10:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday      Church Office Closed

Tuesday     2:00 pm    Bible Class

Sunday      8:30 am    Divine Service  
                 9:30 am    Sunday School/Mission Update  
                 11:00 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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