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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Luke 14:11

Divine Service

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

845

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to God of Jacob.

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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putting down one and lifting up another.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect p. 205

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10 (ESV)

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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: Hebrews 13:1-17 (ESV)

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my

helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"* But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, *"Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?"* And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day # 842

Sermon: *"He who humbles himself will be exalted"*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Distribution Hymns # 625,789

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Closing Hymn # 850

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,

- † Berniece Homuth, Bernie Keller, & Chris Reamer
(Marty Black's sister);
- † The Family of Leon Walz, as they mourn his death;
- † Doug & Susan Neuberger, on the birth of a
granddaughter, Leah Ann.



**Stewardship of Offering
and Attendance**

Worship: 107 Offerings: \$3,357.00

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom: that’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what he is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

Human Care Project

The September Human Care Project is the collection of personal care items for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items can be placed on the shelf in the entryway.

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!

Our Altar Flowers this morning are in honor of Evelyn Eisenbeis' 90th birthday.

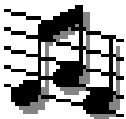
Sunday School begins September 8th. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. If you are willing to teach or substitute teach, please indicate it on the form. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox or give to Pastor.



Bible Class: Please join us for Bible class next Sunday, September 8th, after worship as we study **The Real Man of Steel**. We will see how Jesus is God of all, who shows His strength most clearly in our weakness.

The LWML Joint Meeting will be Thursday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m. Curt Melland will be our guest speaker. The congregation is invited to join us.

Handchime Choir: Children in 3rd grade or older that would like to play handchimes are needed. Practice is 30 minutes every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the church. It is very easy to learn and you don't need to know how to read music. This is a great opportunity for a parent and child to do together. If you have any questions, please talk to Cindy Peterson or any member of the bell or chime choirs.



It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our beloved brother in the faith Leon Walz. Christian Burial was Saturday, August 31, 2013. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house (Psalm 122:1)!'"

† 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

Wednesday 3:30 pm 1st-year Catechism
 4:30 pm 2nd-year Catechism

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

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*