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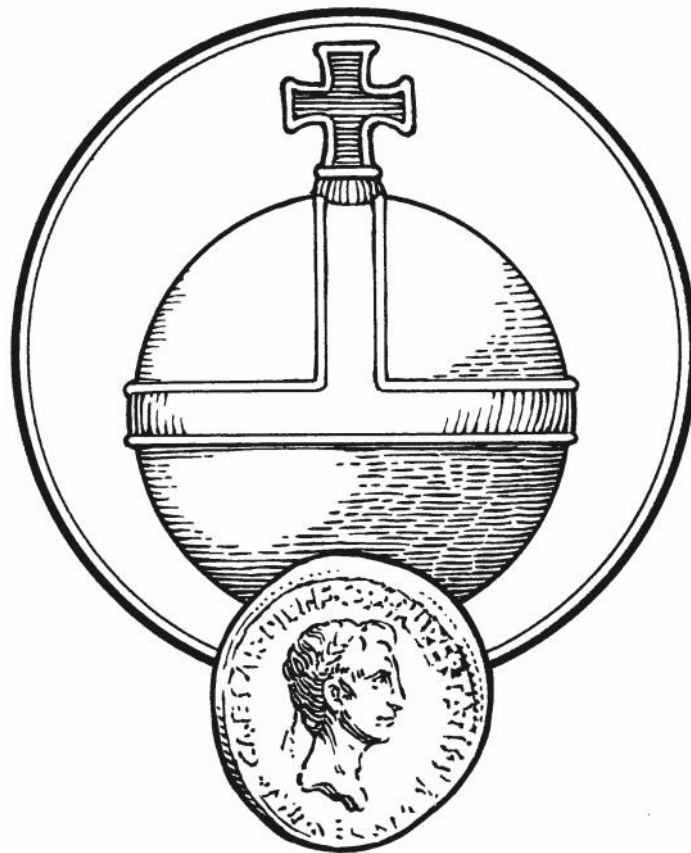
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21st Sunday after Pentecost



*You have been filled in him,
who is the head of all rule and authority.*

Col. 2:10

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we near the end of the Pentecost season. Daylight hours grow shorter and the green of the fields gives way to the brown of autumn. The changes in nature reflect the spiritual conflict in which we find ourselves. As we near the end of the Pentecost season, we focus our attention more closely on living a Christian life in conflict with Satan. As he prowls around as a roaring lion to devour us, Christ continues to strengthen us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, that we may be faithful unto death. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

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O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

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.

"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things.

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 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Him in His talk. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "*Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax.*" And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "*Whose likeness and inscription is this?*" They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "*Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.*" When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

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



In our thoughts and prayers, we remember August Schriefer, Cruz Riegel and Hannah Schantz.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 92 Offerings: \$2,940.00

“... Then He said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ”

Matthew 22:21

So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exodus Echoes: Please join us as we continue our study of how God leads His people in “Exodus,” from the land of death to the land of life, all pointing us to the Easter resurrection of Jesus and our own exodus from this vale of tears to heaven.



Ingathering: The October Human Care is making birthday cake kits for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, and balloons. Items can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

Trunk or Treat: We will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31st, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. “Trunks” (vehicles) to hand out candy are welcome, as well.



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

+ This Week at Concordia +

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Friday	9:00 am	Deadline for November calendar information
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

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