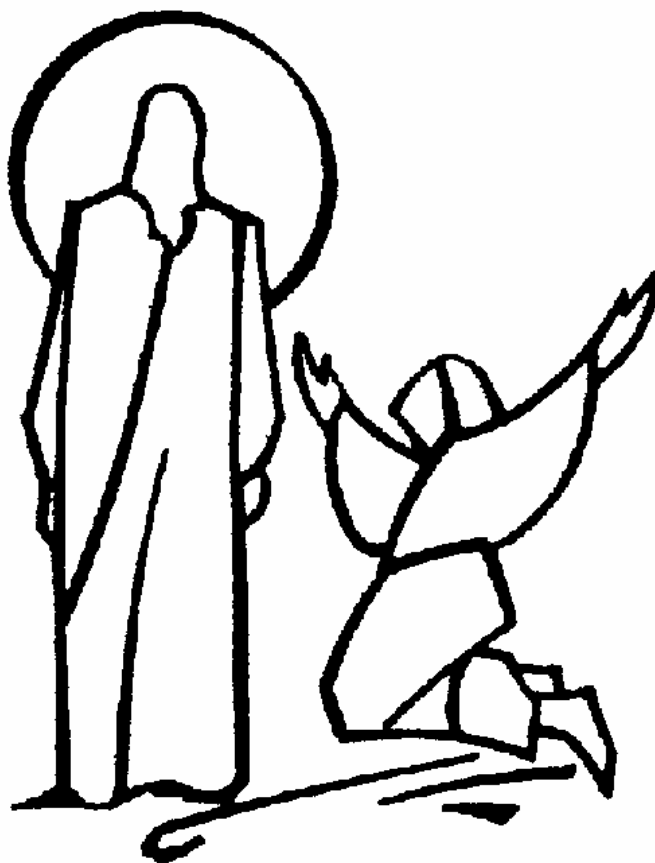


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Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

[1] In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

[2] The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

[3] But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

[4] These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,

[5] and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

[6] Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food.

[7] So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

[8] But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

[9] The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

[10] And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

[11] But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

[12] Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,

[13] would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me."

[14] Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

[15] And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

[16] But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

[17] Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

[18] And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

[19] So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

2 Timothy 2:1-13 (ESV)

- [1] You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
[2] and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
[3] Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
[4] No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.
[5] An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
[6] It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.
[7] Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.
[8] Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,
[9] for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!
[10] Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
[11] The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
[12] if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;
[13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

- [11] On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.
[12] And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance
[13] and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."
[14] When He saw them He said to them, "*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*" *And as they went they were cleansed.*
[15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

[16] and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

[17] Then Jesus answered, *"Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"*

[18] *Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

[19] And He said to him, *"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

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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,



+ Our sick and recovering: Amanda Bauer, Stella Gramm, Craig Schaan, Agnes Wiedrich, & Alex Woroniecki;
+ Willow Eden Roberson-Kitzman, baptized today in a private ceremony.

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 will learn that God was with Moses, caring for him and protecting him. God saved His people through Moses, who lead them out of slavery. Where is Christ in this lesson? God in Christ saves all people from the bondage of sin and death. Family discussions might touch on how God loves and cares for us (First Article of the Creed) and how God delivers us from evil (Lord's Prayer, Seventh Petition).



Word: God Speaks to Us Bible class continues this morning after worship. Please join us!

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Matt & Angie are working to become missionaries in "10-40 Window" of Central Asia, an area between the latitudes of 10° and 40° north of the equator between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In this "window" are estimated to be 97% of all unreached people groups in the world. To help Matt and Angie, the council is proposing that the congregation give them \$1,000 for 2008. The Council will be discussing this at our meeting this Wednesday.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation Thursday – Saturday. Please have all bulletin announcements into the Church office on October 17th, 9:00 a.m. The Church office will be closed while Pastor is on vacation. In case of emergency, please call the parsonage, 873-4223.

LYF of Concordia will be hosting a ~~Trunk or Treat~~ event for Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. You may donate candy for the event by leaving it in the Church kitchen. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun, with or without a trunk. For more information, please contact Steve & Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426 or Kristi Stevens, 873-5841.

“The Real Story of Creation” books are here in the secretary’s office. If you ordered a copy, please pick it up. The cost of each book is \$12.00. Make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance
Worship: 140 Offering: \$3,011.25

The story of the ten lepers reminds us to always receive blessings from God with thanksgiving. Someone has said that we may have trouble giving because we have trouble receiving. If we think we have earned everything, that impacts our giving. But when we recognize that all things come from God we acknowledge Him as the Owner and receive and use those things with thanksgiving.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Guild @ Diana Helm's
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	KRCC Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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We record both worship and Communion attendance.
Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.*