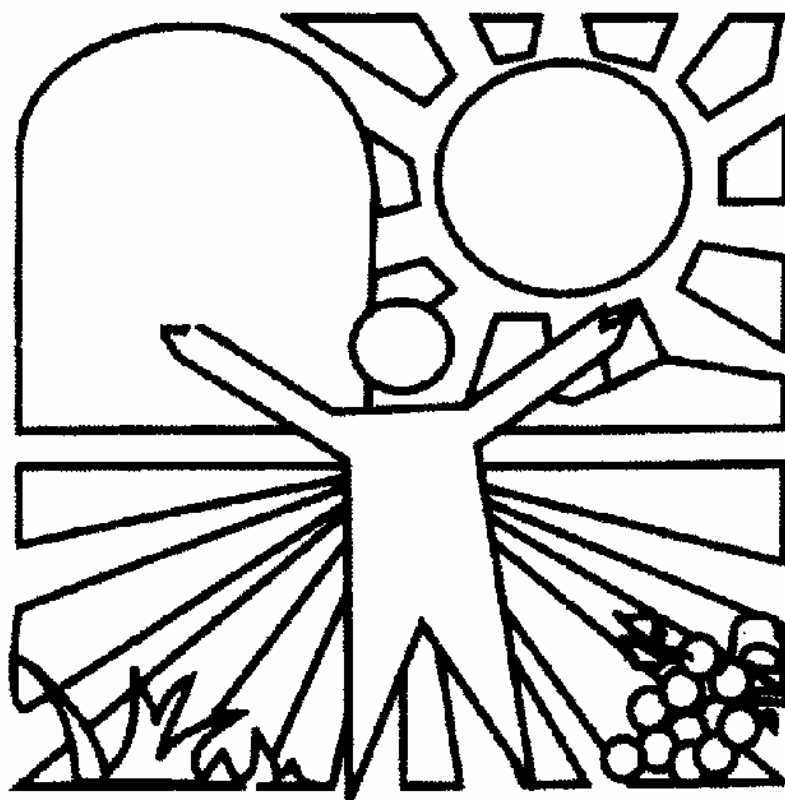


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DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,

and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

for your law is my delight.

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.

Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

Kyrie

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“Glory to God”

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Salutation & Collect

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O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Amos 6:1-7 (ESV)

[1] "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

[2] Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory,
[3] O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?
[4] "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall,
[5] who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
[6] who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
[7] Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

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 Timothy 6:6-19 (ESV)

[6] Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,
[7] for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.
[8] But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.
[9] But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
[10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.
[12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

[13] I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,

[14] to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

[15] which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

[16] who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

[17] As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

[18] They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

[19] thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

[19] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

[20] And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

[21] who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

[22] The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,

[23] and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and I saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

[24] And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

[25] But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'

[26] And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

[27] And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—
[28] for I have five brothers —so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

[29] But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

[30] And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

[31] He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 794

Sermon "People of God Declaring the Praises of God"
1 Peter 2:9

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Our Handbell Choir will ring "Worship and Praise" during the gathering of our offerings.

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

The Lord's Prayer p. 162

Closing Collect

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Closing Hymn # 811

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Our sick and recovering: Stella Gramm, Carolyn & Ernie Riegel, Craig Schaan, Agnes Wiedrich, & Alex Woroniecki.

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!

This morning, we welcome Rev. Larry Harvala, the president of the North Dakota District, LCMS. His message will be “People of God Declaring the Praises of God,” based upon 1 Peter 2:9. Following worship, President Harvala will be discussing mission and ministry opportunities within the North Dakota district during the Bible class hour. Please join us!

Today in Sunday School the children will learn how God used Joseph to feed Egypt during a great famine (Genesis 40-41). God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Talk to your children about how our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others. Talk about times when sin overwhelms us and we cannot escape it. In His love, God takes care of our needs, physical and spiritual. On the cross, Jesus bore God’s anger for our sins and endured the suffering that we deserve. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always. The first article of the Apostles’ Creed and its explanation is a helpful catechism connection.

Monday – Wednesday, Pastor Heller will be attending the Fall District Pastors Conference in Bismarck. In case of emergency, please contact Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

Topic Leaders will meet Thursday, October 4th, 10:00 a.m.



Next Sunday, October 7th, we will be celebrating LWML Sunday. LWML mission mites will be collected as part of our worship.

“Dare 2DV8,” based upon Romans 12:2 is the theme for the District Youth Gathering, October 18-20, Doublewood Inn, Bismarck. The Gathering is for youth in grades 6 and up. Bible study leader will be Rev. William Yonker and presenter for grades 9-12 interest sessions will be Lyle Griner. Music will be by Tangled Blue, YMCA night, worship, devotions, interest sessions, a mission projector and more will offer students many opportunities to grow in their faith and strengthen friendships. See Steve or Nona Blaisdell for registrations forms and information pamphlet or find the forms at www.ndyouthonfire.org.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 149 Offering: \$ 1,700.25

In our Epistle reading for today St. Paul warns against the love of money as a root of all evil. This does not mean we should have nothing to do with money, but it does mean that we are to make use of money in a caring and sharing way that brings blessings to others in need and builds treasures for the live to come.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday – Wednesday	Pastor at District Pastors Conference	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Topic Leaders
	1:30 p.m.	Vesper Guild
Sunday	LWML Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service *Mite Collection
	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.*