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*Everyone then who hears these words of Mine
and does them will be like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.*

[Matthew 7:24]

DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

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Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, instill in our hearts the love of Your name, impress on our minds the teachings of Your Word, and increase in our lives all that is holy and just; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 (ESV)

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:21-28 (ESV)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 7:15-29 (ESV)

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'

"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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Sermon What Are You Building Your House Upon?

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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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: Clyde Eisenbeis, Henry Kuhn, Harold Link, Mary Oestreich, Marlin Rueb, Lorraine Scherer, Dan Weidner, & 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 is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it,” Peter writes to teach us that God’s grace gives us comfort and hope, especially in times of trial (1 Peter 5:12). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of 1 Peter.

Vacation Bible School will be held the evenings of June 2nd – 6th, from 5:30-8:00 PM. It is not too late to register. Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. This year’s theme is *Friendship Trek: Jesus, Our Forever Friend*. Following are items needed for Bible School:



- Christmas trees of all sizes. If you have a tree that could be used, please bring it to the social hall this afternoon. We will be setting up for Bible school at 1:30 PM today. All volunteers are welcome.
- Used Christmas cards: cards are needed by Tuesday, June 3rd. Please leave them on the piano in the education wing.
- Please join us Friday, June 6th, 6:30 PM for a short closing program as we journey on this *Friendship Trek* with the children to learn about Jesus’ love!

If you have any questions, talk to our director, Melissa Voegele, 873-5099 or email windhill@westriv.com.

Brad Eisenbeisz has been appointed to the Board of Lay Ministry. In addition, Brian Scherer is now the Chairman of the Board of Lay Ministry.

Matt & Angie Mission Update: Please join us next Sunday after worship for coffee, Kool-Aid, and bars. Not only is this a good reminder to keep Matt, Angie, and family in your prayers, but we will hear a mission update of their work. There will be a free-will offering.

Greeters are needed for the months of June and August. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Council Minutes from the May 15th meeting are on the table in the social hall.

Thank you to Marv Kuschel for making a stand for the cordless light that will be used on the fellowship hall podium and piano.

Thank you to Lorraine Sorge for baking and decorating the cake for the confirmands and graduates recognition potluck.

The following note was received from Debbie Larson, District LWML President:

How great is the Lord!

We have just paid our last mission grant to the ND District Youth Camp Subsidy for \$3,500. Our biennial goal of \$62,000 has been met! Alleluia!



Take time to stop and praise God for the generosity of those who know of His salvation.

Pray that each penny brings His joy and peace to one of His children.

Keep giving! Opportunities abound!

In His service,
Debbie

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 136 Offering: \$1,771.27



We are justified by faith apart from keeping the law! This marvelous truth tells us that we do not practice our Christian stewardship in order to be saved, but we practice joyful stewardship because we are justified. It's fun to do good things as a response, not as a command. That's a key to exciting stewardship.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
	1:30 PM	Set up for Bible School
Monday	5:30-8:00 PM	VBS
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bible Class
	5:30-8:00 PM	VBS
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Topic Leaders
	5:30-8:00 PM	VBS
Thursday	1:30 PM	Vesper Guild
	5:30-8:00 PM	VBS
Friday	5:30-8:00 PM	VBS
	6:30 PM	Closing Program
Sunday	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Matt & Angie Mission Update/ Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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

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Please remember to fill out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.

*To keep accurate records, we ask that you fill out a card
each Sunday listing all family members attending
Worship as well as Communing.*

Place completed card in the collection plate.

