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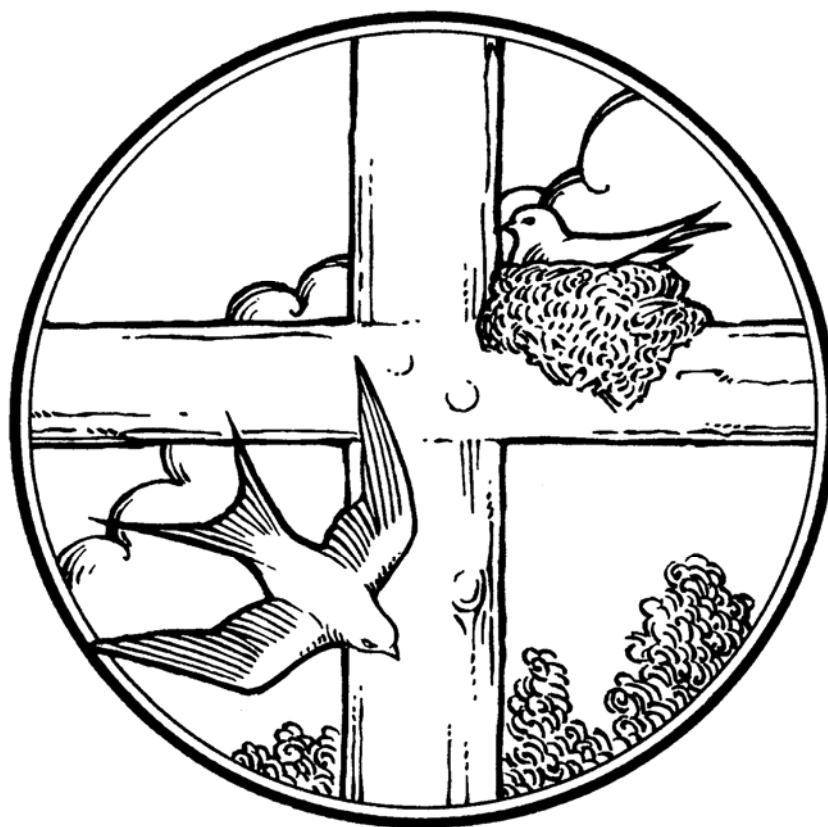
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*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.*

[Matthew 6:33]

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

from him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be greatly shaken.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord,

belongs steadfast love.

For you will render to a man

according to his work.

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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God is a refuge for us.

Kyrie

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Glory in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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Eternal God, You counsel us not to be anxious about earthly things. Keep alive in us a proper yearning for those heavenly treasures awaiting all who trust in Your mercy, that we may daily rejoice in Your salvation and serve You with constant devotion; 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 49:8-16a (ESV)

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They

shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up.

Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord I has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

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 1:8-17 (ESV)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:24-34

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 732

Sermon "Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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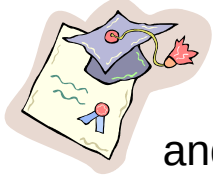
Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose 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: Amanda Bauer, Clyde Eisenbeis, Henry Kuhn, Harold Link, Mary Oestreich, Marlin Rueb, Dan Weidner, & Alex Woroniecki;
- + Lowell & Linda Korbyn & family, as they mourn Jason's death;
- + Our 2008 high school graduates;
- + On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the members of our Armed Forces and all who have served in our military;
- + For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. Today, we rejoice in the words of our Lord, *"Do not be anxious about your life"*. Faith in Christ is the answer to our human worries. God, in His great love for us frail sinners, opens His hand to give us all that we need for our bodies and lives. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Today, we recognize our 2008 high school graduates: Cody Blaisdell, Allen Maize, Daniel Paul, Riley Schriefer, Ben Stevens, Matthew Weidner and Haley Winkler. Congratulations and God's richest blessings on your future plans!

"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.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of Jason Korbyn. Christian burial was Thursday, May 22nd. Jesus says, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live"* (St. John 11:25).

Melissa Voegele has volunteered to be the director of Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Friendship Trek: Jesus, Our Forever Friend.



We are planning to have VBS the evenings of June 2nd – 6th, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. Please return all completed forms by May 19th to Melissa, Terence Schmidt, or Pastor Heller. If you are willing to help with VBS, please talk to Melissa, 873-5099 or email: windhill@westriv.com or Pastor Heller. Please join us as we journey on this Friendship Trek with the children to learn about Jesus' love!

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.

Sakakawea Hospice will be holding a 10 session support group entitled “Understanding Your Grief”. This group will meet from 6:30 – 8:00 PM Wednesday evenings starting June 4th at the Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice office in Hazen. Please sign up by May 30th by calling the Hospice office, 748-7380.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 161 Offering: \$2,320.25



Paul's stewardship of the Gospel was the highest priority in his life. Thus, he was willing to use all that he was and had to be a bold ambassador of Jesus Christ. In other passages of Holy Scripture we read that St. Paul considered all the “things” of this world as nothing compared to the treasure of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Paul's example encourages us not to set our hearts too much on the things of this world but rather to set our hearts on things above. That's good stewardship.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bible Class
Thursday	9:00 AM	Deadline for June calendar
Sunday	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	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.

