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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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*"If anyone would be first,
he must be last of all and servant of all."*

Mark 9:35b

DIVINE SERVICE

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Introit

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20 (ESV)

The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading: James 3:13-4:10 (ESV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:30-37 (ESV)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "*The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.*" But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, *"What were you discussing on the way?"* But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, *"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."* And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, *"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."*

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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.

Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 126 Offerings: \$2,983.00

Wanting more and more, especially of the material things of this world, can lead us into all kinds of spiritual traps. God promises to provide for our needs—but not necessarily our—wants. Maturing stewards know the difference!

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: At the Jordan River, led by Joshua, Israel leaves the desert in the lesson “Entering the Promised Land.” In Baptism, led by Christ, we leave behind the desert of sin, death, and Satan so we may enter into the promised land of heaven. Parents might ask, *“What did the Israelites create to remind them of their crossing into the Promised Land? What do you have to remind you of your Baptism?”*

Bible Class: Join us for Bible class as we continue our “DEATH...Then What?” study.

Dedication Weekend at Holy Cross: A weekend of activities is planned for the Dedication of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Bismarck. A community cook-out with brats and Emter Family Music will be held on Friday, September 28, 5:00-7:00 pm. An Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m. with a Campfire at 7:00 p.m. A Service of Dedication will be held on Sunday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. James Baneck will serve as preacher for the Dedication. Please join the congregation, the North Dakota District and the community of Bismarck as we dedicate the church to the glory of God and the proclamation of the Gospel. Visit holycrossbismarck.org or facebook.com/holycrossbismarck for more details.



Tune in to The *Intersection of Church & State*, airing on the Fox Business Channel as paid programming on Sunday, September 30. This Lutheran Hour Ministries production’s show times are 5:00 p.m. Eastern, 4:00 p.m. Central, 3:00 p.m. Mountain, and 3:00 p.m. Pacific.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Thursday, September 27th.

LYF: The LYF will be going to Papa's Pumpkin Patch and the Corn Maze near Mandan on Sunday September 30. We will have brunch at the church following Sunday School and plan to leave by 11:30 and return to Beulah around 5:00pm. The LYF will pay for a portion of the entrance fee. Each individual will need to bring \$7.00 for the other portion and money for snacks after the visits. (Planning to stop for ice cream). Any one 1st-12th grade is invited to go, please sign up on the sheet on the table by Pastor's office. We will also need drivers/chaperones. Any questions call Vicky Yeager at 873-5647.



LWML: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 730 Hwy 1804 NE, Bismarck, is the location of the SW LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 6th. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Laurie Dannewitz from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. An in-gathering of non-toxic paints, water colors, paint brushes, charcoal pencils, sketch pads/tablets, stretchy plastic on a spool, plastic containers to store items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes & combs/picks will be taken. Lunch, with a free-will offering, will be provided by Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



We are the North Dakota District...

Have you ever heard your pastor say he has to go to “Winkel?” This is a German word for a Circuit Pastor’s Conference. Pastors meet monthly within their circuit, as described in the Synod Handbook. The Circuit Counselor leads the meeting, consisting of worship time, a study in the Confessions, a study in the Scriptures, and/or some other topic that relates to the pastoral ministry. The meetings are important and allow pastors to be with his peers to share ideas, wisdom, concerns, and joys. So—when your pastor goes to “Winkel”—this is a good thing.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for October calendar information
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am —	LYF to Pumpkin Patch &
	5:00 pm	Corn Maze
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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Communion attendance this morning.*