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*“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”*

Mark 10:14b

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Unless the Lord builds the house,

those who build it labor in vain.

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,

the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

are the children of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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.

Unless the Lord builds the house,

those who build it labor in vain.

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Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.

Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the

man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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: Hebrews 2:1-18 (ESV)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is

not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 10:2-16 (ESV)

And Pharisees came up and in order to test Him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "*What did Moses command you?*" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "*Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.*"

And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. And He said to them, "*Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.*"

And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "*Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.*" And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

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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

Worship: 106 Offerings: \$1,526.00

God's maturing stewards recognize the importance of building healthy relationships and helping each other out during life's journey by encouraging, forgiving and supporting each other as the needs arise.

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 students study "The Fall of Jericho." We are reminded that God is our mighty fortress who delivers us from the false walls of our sin and saves us in the true Joshua, (Jesus) that we might become and remain His people. Ask students, "*What did the people of Jericho think their wall (fortress) would do for them? What does God our Fortress do for us?*"

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

Tune in to *The Intersection of Church & State*, airing on the Fox Business Channel as paid programming today. 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.

Pastor Heller will be at Fall Pastors Conference Monday, October 1 — Wednesday, October 3. He will then be on vacation Thursday, October 4 — Tuesday, October 9. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

Gospel of Jesus' Wife: The news recently has been filled with this "find". Dr. Charles Gieschen, a professor at the Fort Wayne Seminary, has written a sound response to it. Copies of his response are on the table in the social hall and can also be read at www.ctsfw.edu/response-to-the-gospel-of-jesus-wife.

The October calendar, Pray for Us calendar, birthday and anniversary list, August Council minutes and the children's devotionals are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please pick up any copies you wish.

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.

The following positions will be open for re-election this fall: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry—3 positions, Finance Committee—1 position, Board of Church Properties, Board of Christian Education, and Board of Stewardship. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner, 948-2534 or Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

† This Week at Concordia †

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 *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday — Pastor @ Pastors Conference
 Wednesday

Wednesday 3:30 pm LYF - Grades 2-6
 4:30 pm Catechism
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 1:30 pm Vesper Guild

Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service
 * Mites Collection
 9:30 am Sunday School
 3:30 pm Circuit Forum @ New Salem

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*