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*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us [look] to Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith.*

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*



## **First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## **Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**Hymn of the Day**

# 677

**Sermon**

What is a Saint?

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

*The Handbells will ring "You Raise Me Up" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

**“What Shall I Render”**

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**Service of the Sacrament**

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**Distribution Hymns**

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**“Thank the Lord”**

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**Closing Hymn**

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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.

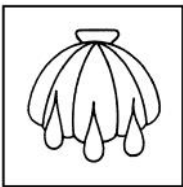
**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther  
(brother of Clare Renner;

† Rylan, baptized today.

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. The Lord's Church celebrates All Saints' to remember those who have died in the faith. We remember the grace of God in bringing them to faith and in preserving them in that faith in every joy and sorrow of earthly life. Especially, we remember how they served God, even in the face of persecution, even death. We do not worship the saints, pray to them, or ask them for help in living a Christian life. But, we do honor their memory and we pray that God would give us grace to imitate them in all virtuous and godly living. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**At the font:** We rejoice that Rylan Anthony Mittelsteadt, the son of Brent Mittelsteadt and the late Sylvia Walhood, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Rylan is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. "[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).



**Augsburg Confession:** Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of the Augsburg Confession.

**Fleischkuechle Feed:** There is a fleischkuechle feed today from 10 am—2 pm at the Civic Center to raise funds for Rose Aipperspach and Emma Klindworth to tour Europe this summer as part of Northern Ambassadors of Music.

**Adult Catechism:** Our Adult Catechism class continues Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm. Anyone who desires to become a communicant member of Concordia or simply learn more about the Christian faith is invited to join us.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all who helped make **Trunk or Treat** a huge success! We especially thank those who donated candy and handed out candy.

**Voters Meeting** is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Among items of business will be election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2015 budget. The nominations for Church officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Unapproved minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> voters meeting are on the table in the social hall.

**The November** calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and September council minutes, are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

**Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice** will be having volunteer training Mondays and Wednesday, November 10, 12 and 17, from 5-9 pm each evening at the Mercer County Ambulance Bay, Hazen. For more information please call 748-7380.

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### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Worship: 133 Offerings: \$4,159.00

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity) – flows back out of us. For it all starts with His self-giving!

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	9:30 am	LYF Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	6:30 pm	Adult Catechism
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
Friday	Pastor @	BOD Meeting
	6-9:00 pm	Game Night
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	9:30 am	Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

### Church Office Hours

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
Communion attendance this morning.*