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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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*If you forgive others their trespasses,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

*Matthew 6:14*



they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### **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:** Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**"Alleluia"**

p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.*

*"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 843 <i>[tune: Caithness]</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	Forgiving Seventy Times Seven
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>“What Shall I Render”</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 596 (st. 1-4), 617, 632
<b>“Thank the Lord”</b>	p. 164
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 790

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), Deane Weidner, & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);

† For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

**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!

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

**Sunday School:** We are still in need of several teachers. Please talk to Terence or Pastor if you would like to help.

**Volunteering:** Sakakawea Medical Center, the Auxiliary, and SMC Hospice will have a Volunteer Fair Open House from 3:00 to 5:00 pm this Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Mercer County ambulance meeting room in Hazen. Anyone interested in volunteering in any of these areas is invited to stop in and receive more information on volunteer opportunities. Questions may be directed to Nancy or Audrey at 748-7385.

**Need to Elect:** The following positions will be open for election this fall: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions, Finance Committee: 1 position, Chairman of Church Properties, Chairman of Christian Education, and Chairman 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.

**District Convention:** The North Dakota District Convention is January 18-21, 2015, Grand Forks, ND. We are in need of a lay delegate to represent the parish of Concordia and Zion, Glen Ullin. If you are interested, please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor Heller.

**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](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com) or call the Church office by Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Human Care Project:** During the month of September personal care items for Women's Action & Resource Center will be taken. Items can be placed on the shelf unit in the entryway.

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

Attendance: 112 Offerings: \$3,557.00

“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

### ***We are the North Dakota District...***

You will notice the dates for the six Circuit Forums on the District calendar at [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org), in the Calendar tab. The important item at these circuit forums will be the selecting of a circuit visitor for the next triennium. At the January district convention, these selections will be ratified. Synod also requests the circuit forums to submit a resolution to the district convention suggesting Synod priorities and goals.

President Baneck

## † 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>
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ KRCC
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	2nd-Year Catechism
	4:30 pm	3rd-Year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
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	9:30 am	Sunday School/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.*