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*"Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

Luke 18:16b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 560

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Introit

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in the Lord, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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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Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do

well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (ESV)

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: *"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The*

Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, *"Let the children come to Me, and 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."*

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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 & recovering: Elsie Buchmann, Carey Fischer, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us 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!

Please join us following worship for cookies/bars & coffee.

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of 1 Timothy.

Adult Instruction: We are starting an adult instruction class for anyone desiring to become a communicant member of Concordia or learn more about the Christian faith. We will meet Monday, October 24, 7:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk to Pastor Heller.

Concordia Family: We are going to make some meals for Marv and Lori Kuschel, as Lori recovers at home after a lengthy hospital stay. They have no meal preferences or allergies, maybe just not overly spicy. It would be best to make smaller meals, since it's just the two of them. Also, please use disposable containers so Marv doesn't have to worry about returning pans. Marv thought once or twice a week would be enough. Kristi Stevens will set up a schedule and be the contact person. She can be messaged on Facebook, or at 873-5841 or 870-1117. Please let her know if you can help! Also, if you know of someone else in need of a meal, please let Kristi know and we can work on expanding providing meals. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

Congregational Officers: The following positions will be open for election at the November Voters meeting: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions, Finance Committee: 1 position, Church Properties, Christian Education, and Stewardship. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to Glenn Renner, Jamey Backus, or Pastor Heller.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, 5:00-6:30 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. We are in need of “trunks” to hand out treats.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship:124 Offerings: \$4122.00

“I always thank God... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class <i>11:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm Adult Instruction
Tuesday	1:00 pm Bible Class @ KRCC
Wednesday	4:30 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Chime Practice
Thursday	9:00 am Deadline for November calendar
Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class <i>11:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

What is Stewardship

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.

This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing His creation in accord with the principles He has established.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things He has entrusted to us.