

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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17th Sunday after Pentecost



*"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God
over one sinner who repents."*

Luke 15:10

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 609 (st. 1-4)

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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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O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!

Kyrie p. 204

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Salutation & Collect p. 205

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure.

Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-24 (ESV)

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

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: 1 Timothy 1:5-17 (ESV)

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He told them this parable: *"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day # 864

Sermon: "I am the chief of sinners"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

Distribution Hymns # 709, 740, 632

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Closing Hymn # 711

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: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Marilyn Helm, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† Our Sunday School & Catechism students, that they would be made wise unto salvation in Christ Jesus and trained in holy living;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

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!

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



Sunday School begins this morning following worship. Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"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 following worship as we begin a study on 1 Timothy.

All youth, grades 7-12, are invited to join us at 10:30 am this morning, for food, fun and fellowship.

Board of Lay Ministry, we will meet this Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm. The Church Council will meet Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 pm.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation September 15 – 19. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 83 Offerings: \$2,869.00

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise with all our being: the grace of God. We live by that grace and the more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first...and the desire to imitate Him can't help but follow!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	LYF Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Beulah
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	7:00 pm	Board of Lay Ministry
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School