

Concordia Lutheran Church

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18th Sunday after Pentecost



*For there is one God, and there is one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as a ransom for all.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 730

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.

**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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give me understanding that I may live.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria In Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Amos 8:4-7 (ESV)

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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 2:1-15 (ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16:1-15 (ESV)

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, *"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He*

said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 743 (st. 1-4)

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

"What Shall I Render p. 159

The Lord's Prayer p. 162

Closing Collect

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 786

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Bev Boyer (mother of Cindy Peterson), 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).

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!

Thank you to Marc Schriefer for leading worship this morning while Pastor Heller is on vacation.

Please join us for bars/cookies & coffee following worship. Thank you to Kim Senske, Melissa Voegele, and Julie Voigt for providing bars/cookies last Sunday.

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. In addition, we need someone to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to Glenn Renner, Jamey Backus, or Pastor Heller.

[re] Think Mercy, a conference to equip and energize compassionate Christians for Mercy Care will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 on the campus of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND. More information and registration is available at www.rethinkmercynd.org. This event is sponsored by the ND District LWML.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: ??? Offerings: \$3,876.25

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	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>