

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four
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Introit

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
 to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
The righteous flourish like the palm tree
 and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
 they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;
 they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the Lord is upright;
 **he is my rock, and there is no
 unrighteousness in him.**

**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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Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (ESV)

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I

plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
 and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
 and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 4:26-34 (ESV)

And [Jesus] said, "*The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*"

And He said, "*With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.*"

With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

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In our thoughts and prayers,

† Jim Black, Carol Buchmann, Kent Larson, & Link Reinhillier.

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.

Welcome to worship in this 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!

Father's Day teaches us the importance of honoring our fathers, as God commands of us in the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother". This is the first Commandment with a promise, "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth". Fathers are

gifts from God to maintain order within the family and bringing his children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. For this we gratefully thank God for them.

Watering Flowers: A sign-up sheet for watering flowers is on the table in the social hall. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the week following the date of the Sunday listed. Thank you!

Donations of kids snacks for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of June. Please leave donations on the shelves in the entryway.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 64 Offerings: \$2,150.00

"He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything." Mark 4:34

How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments — and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am *Divine Service*

Tuesday 2:00 pm *Bible Class*

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10:00 am *Divine Service*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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4th Sunday after Pentecost



*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:18a