

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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15th 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

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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.

Your testimonies are righteous forever;

give me understanding that I may live.

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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.

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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."*

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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,

- † Della Bauer, Evan Bier, Andrew Merchant (Tom & Jean Bornemann's grandson), and Alice Voegele (Bruce's aunt);
- † Marc & Jodi Schriefer, on the birth of a granddaughter, Adeline Mae;
- † For servants to serve as Sunday School teachers and congregational officers.

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 all who helped with Workday/Church Cleaning yesterday!

Church Officer Positions: We are in need of people to serve in multiple open congregational officer positions. If you are interested, please talk to Jamey Backus or Kevin Herrmann.

During the month of September, we will be collecting items to make birthday kits for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may include foil pans, cake & frosting mix, party favors, candles and decorations.

Lutheran Witness: Concordia is happy to provide members with a complimentary subscription to the *Lutheran Witness*, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's monthly magazine highlighting current events and Christian living. If you are not receiving it, and would like to begin receiving it, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Friday, September 27th. Also, if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

Adopted Seminary Student: Our adopted student, Joshua Reber, finished his year of vicarage at St. James Lutheran Church, Howard Lake, Minnesota. He is back at the Seminary at Fort Wayne, Indiana, for his final year of studies. His and his wife Megan's address is 552 Montclair Drive, New Haven, Indiana 46774.

LWML Rally: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 801 E Denver Avenue, Bismarck, ND, will host the ND LWML SW Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 5th with registration beginning at 9:00 am. More information regarding the ingathering and Bible study details are on the LWML bulletin board.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for October calendar items
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Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 121 Offerings: \$2,238.00

“For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generations than the sons of light.”

Luke 16:8

The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we “sons of light” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in the roles He has given us in Church, home, and society?

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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