

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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15th Sunday after Pentecost



*If you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Matthew 6:14

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.*"

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should

not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Introit, Gradual, & Collect from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

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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,

† Sandy Buchmann, Sandy Femling, & Kim Wolf (Myron & Carrie Hafner's niece);

† For our Sunday School, that God would raise up teachers and bring children to learn of Jesus;

† For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;

† Our military personnel, law enforcement and emergency response workers.

Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or Communion attendance this morning.

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 guestbook and worship with us again soon.



Sunday School begins this morning after worship. All children are invited to join us! Parents, if you have concerns about Covid, please visit with Terence Schmidt. We are prepared to even send materials home with you so that your child can learn about Jesus.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a study of Matthew’s Gospel.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Thursday, October 1st.



Happy Birthday Kits will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center during September. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, and balloons. Please leave items in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!



Can’t make it to worship? *Main Street Living* is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays. Episodes of *This Is The Life* precede it at 10:00 am.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
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Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 57 Offerings: \$2,178.00

“(Jesus said), ‘Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And He said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’”

Luke 17:18-19

Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It's only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.



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