

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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17th Sunday after Pentecost



*"If anyone would be first,
he must be last of all and servant of all."*

Mark 9:35b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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!

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.

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Introit

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

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and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18-20 (ESV)

The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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: James 3:13-4:10 (ESV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive,

because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:30-37 (ESV)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "*The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.*" But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "*What were you discussing on the way?*" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "*If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.*" And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, "*Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.*"

Nicene Creed

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Sermon: *A harvest of righteousness*

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In our thoughts and prayers,



✠ Eleanor Becker;
✠ Kent & Mary Jo Larson & Family, on the death
of Mary Jo’s mother, Milly McKenzie.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 71 Offerings: \$2,448.00

*But they did not understand the saying,
and were afraid to ask Him.*

Mark 9:32

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Peter Option: What troubles you as a Christian these days? What causes you to fear for the future? What is our response to LGBTQ, the WOKE movement, cancel culture, global climate change, the loss of freedom, Christian persecution, and a host of other threats? “The St. Peter Option” will explore how we are called to live joyfully and without fear as Christian pilgrims in a world of darkness and hostility toward the things we believe. Join us as we learn that our calling is always to trust in Christ and be ready, at all times, to sing the praises of our God without fear or despair.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation September 23-28. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 872-2356.

Card Shower: We will be having a card shower for our adopted Seminary student and his wife. Joseph and Faith Greenmyer were blessed with a baby boy, Abraham Joseph, on September 10th, 2021. Please join us as we gather cards for the Greenmyer family with well wishes. Cards can be left on the back table in the social hall, the table we usually use for showers. Cards can be brought until October 3rd, when they will be sent to Joseph and his family. Questions, please talk to Nona. Thank you for supporting Joseph and his family!



Covid Awareness: As Covid numbers increase, please be respectful of your neighbor, always remembering *Christ's love compels us (2 Co 5:14)*. If you are sick, please stay home. Hand sanitizer and face masks are located inside the entry door. Soap and water are available in the restrooms as well. Masks are not required for attending worship, but you are most certainly free to wear one if you wish.



Greeters are needed for the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you wish to discontinue your subscription or begin receiving the magazine, please call the Church office or email concordiasecretary@westriv.com by Thursday, September 30th. Also if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

Donations of Happy Birthday Kits for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of September. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats and balloons. Please leave donation in the entryway.



"Portals of Prayer" booklets for October—December are on the table in the social hall.

Main Street Living can be heard on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Episodes of "This Is the Life" precede it at 10:00 am.



✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 pm Sunday School/Bible Class
- Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild
- Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Class @
 Knife River Care Center
- Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism
- Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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Communion attendance this morning*