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*"Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

Luke 18:16b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we near the end of the Pentecost season. Daylight hours grow shorter and the green of the fields gives way to the brown of autumn. The changes in nature reflect the spiritual conflict in which we find ourselves. As we near the end of the Pentecost season, we focus our attention more closely on living a Christian life in conflict with Satan. As he prowls around as a roaring lion to devour us Christ continues to strengthen us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, that we may be faithful unto death. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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Introit

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in the Lord, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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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I put my trust in you.

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Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry,

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.

and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-17

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: *"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when

the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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While Pastor Heller is on sick leave, Pastor Olson is available for pastoral care. He may be reached at 651-503-8381. You can also call Jonathan Schlender at 870-1656 if pastoral care is needed.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31st, 5:00—6:30 PM. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. Anyone wishing to bring their vehicle (trunk) to help hand out candy is welcome. Please let Nona Blaisdell know if you will be willing to attend and help in any way.

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



Greeters are needed for the months of November and December. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Coffee Servers: If you are interested in serving coffee for fellowship in 2023, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Please visit with Marlene Schriefer if you have questions.



Surrounding our brothers and sisters in Christ with our thoughts and prayers,
†Tom Bornemann, Pastor Heller, & Kent Larson.

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	9:00 am	Deadline for November calendar items
	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours
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