

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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11th Sunday after Pentecost



*But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."*

Matthew 14:27

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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!

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.

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting Four**

Hymn of Invocation # 765

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge 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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his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria In Excelsis p. 204

Salutation & Collect p. 205

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Job 38:4-18

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

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: Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) or " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "*Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.*"

And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." He said, "*Come.*" So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "*O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Apostles' Creed p. 207
Hymn of the Day # 717
The words of the original Navy hymn are sung
Sermon: "Jesus took hold of him"
Offering
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.
Distribution Hymns: # 588, 722, 729
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
Post-Communion Collect p. 212
Benediction p. 212



The August Human Care ingathering is cereal, peanut butter and jelly for Women's Action & Resource Center. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

The August calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and "*Happy Times*" devotional booklets for the children are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

Chilly for Chile: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, invites you to join them August 20th, 2:00 PM, for Ice Cream and a Gospel Concert presented by Clyde Bauman (as himself - AKA Milo Hatzenbuhler). Following the concert and ice cream, LCMS ND District President Bertsch will present a power point about his recent trip to Chile. All free will offerings will be sent to Chile, for their continued mission work. A flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.



† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
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