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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

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*"I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

Luke 11:9

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Gradual

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

"Alleluia"

p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And He said to them, *"When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom*

come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

And He said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Apostles' Creed p. 207
Hymn of the Day # 779
Sermon: Shameless Audacity
Offering
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.
Distribution Hymns # 725, 623
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
Post-Communion Collect p. 212
Benediction p. 212
Closing Hymn # 917

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

In our thoughts and prayers,



✠ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Ken Mickelson (uncle of Amy Bieber), Ray Sorge, Lynne Wolf (friend of Carrie Hafner) & Michelle Wolf.

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Divine Service, Setting Four from *Lutheran Service Book*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Pastor Sperry for leading worship this morning.

Texas Flooding: Donations to help those impacted by floods in Texas can be made online at <https://txlcms.org/donate>. Donations can also be made online at lcms.org/givenow/flood or checks mailed to LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, please write “Disaster Response—Flood Relief (NM8040-26040).”



Concordia will be hosting the Beulah All School Reunion Breakfast on August 3, 2025, 8:00 – 9:00 am, at the Church.

During the month of August, we will be collecting “Essentials” such as laundry products, dish soap, hand soaps and personal hygiene products for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

The August calendar and birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the fellowship hall. The “Happy Times” booklets for younger children are also on the table.



Watering Flowers: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for watering the flowers at Church. Please note that the dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall if you are interested in bringing treats for Sunday coffee hour.

Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads (SHCR) has been operating in the North Dakota District for many years. Last January the convention delegates voted to support our one and only Lutheran Camp with an annual donation of \$10,000. Shepherds Hill, located near St. John, ND (14 miles southeast of the International Peace Gardens), provides a place of retreat to enjoy God’s creation and to learn and study God’s Word. Each summer, the staff of SHCR stays busy providing various summer camps for youth and families. Alora Woodruff and her staff do a fantastic job. Check them out at www.shretreat.org.

-Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

✝ This Week at Concordia ✝

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