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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Luke 14:11

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 613

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to God of Jacob.

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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Salutation & Collect p. 205

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10 (ESV)

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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: Hebrews 13:1-17 (ESV)

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not

benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)

One Sabbath, when He went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"* But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, *"Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?"* And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in*

the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 842

Sermon: *"He Who humbles Himself Will Be Exalted"*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Closing Hymn # 660

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.

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!

Hand Bell practice begins Wednesday, September 1st, 6:30 p.m.

LWML Joint Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School begins September 12th. Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's or Pastor's mailbox. Teachers are needed! If you are willing to teach, please talk to Terence, 873-4898, or Pastor.



What Is Islam?: To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. Please join us Sunday, September 12th, as we begin our "What Is Islam" Bible class. In addition to learning about the "Five Pillars of Islam," we will look at what the Quran says about the role of Abraham, the Trinity, angels and jinn (genies), the attributes of Jesus Christ, the character of Muhammad, Judgment Day, and paradise.

Thrivent Membership Appreciation Supper: The Mercer-Oliver County Chapter for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite all members and their spouse/guest to the Annual Membership Appreciation Supper. The supper will be held Monday, September 27, 2010, 6:00 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th Street NW, Beulah. Please RSVP to Wes or Jane Gunsch, 873-5615, by Wednesday, September 22nd. If there is no answer, please leave a message, giving all the names of who will be attending.

Greeters are needed for the month of September. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

September 15th is the deadline to sign up for the Lutheran Heritage Tour, which takes place October 5-13, 2010! 34 people have already signed up and there is room for more. We have so many exciting things planned for this tour: daily devotions, great food, Bach at the Seminary Concert, prizes, Oktoberfest, the LCMS International Center, great worship, shopping at Concordia Publishing House, historic LCMS churches, and some wonderful surprises thrown in for good measure. Go to the ND District Website www.nodaklcms.org and click on "Lutheran Heritage Trip" on the home page, or call Myra Bitterman at 701-223-7835. Sign up now — I'd love to have you join us!

President Baneck

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick and recovering: Marilyn Helm, Berniece Herrmann, Godfred Pfennig, Esther Reinschmidt, & Carolyn Riegel;

† Adam Bornemann and Krystal Brewer, united in holy marriage on August 18th;

† Our schools, that they may be places where all useful learning flourishes;

† For all agricultural endeavors, that the grain harvest underway may produce a bountiful harvest.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings
and Attendance**

Worship: 88 Offerings: \$2,120.44

“Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Maturing stewards seek to do those things that honor God and help our fellow man. Whether we are giving money, time and volunteer help we offer it as a sacrifice pleasing to God.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today 7:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice

Thursday 7:00 pm LWML Joint Meeting

Sunday 7:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.

*The cards should be filled out whether or not you
attend Communion.*

Place completed cards in the collection plate.

Thank you.