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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

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 611

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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.**

When I am afraid,

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 (ESV)

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, 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 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

He 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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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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Marilyn Helm, Mary Jo Larson, Art Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's father), & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Kurt & Tammy Gillig & Family, on the death of Kurt's father, Reuben Gillig;
- † Edna Hafner, who has become a resident of the Knife River Care Center (Room 415, phone 873-3415).

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!

What Is Islam?: To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. Please join us as we continue our “What Is Islam” Bible class.

Today in Sunday School our children will see Abram having doubts that a promise would ever be kept. God, however, keeps His promises, as He did for Abram and as He has done for us in giving His own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Review the blessings God gives to you and your family by comparing your blessings to the list in the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed. Thank God especially for keeping His promise of a Savior because, through Him, your sins are forgiven. You are free to serve Him in joy as you Grow in Christ!

The Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School class will not meet this morning.

Thank you to Nona Blaisdell, Violet Jose, Judy Jose and Jean Bornemann for providing cookies for “Clergy Appreciation” this morning.

Thrivent Choice is a new program from Thrivent Financial that lets its members direct their Choice Dollars to the Lutheran organization, including Concordia Lutheran Church, of their choice. On Sunday, October 31, we will have an informational meeting to explain the Thrivent Choice program following worship. Everyone is welcome!

Trunk or Treat: Volunteers from the congregation are needed to provide a trunk and hand out candy on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00 — 7:00 p.m. in the Church parking lot. Candy donations are also needed as well as help serving hotdogs and beverages. A sign up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426 for more information.



Worship Time: Beginning November 7th, worship will be at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings with Sunday School and Bible class to follow at 9:30 a.m.

Nominations for Church Officers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We are also in need of someone to complete the term of the Chairman of the Board of Evangelism. If you are interested in an office, please talk to Kent Larson or Blake Wiedrich.

Calendar Change: Pastor Heller will be on vacation November 4 — 9, instead of October 28 — November 1.

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

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance



Worship: 134 Offerings: \$2,316.75

As Paul neared the end of his earthly life he concluded that with the power of the Holy Spirit he ran the race as a Christian steward and, by God's grace, will win the prize of salvation. This same confidence helps us to be good stewards of all that we manage.

