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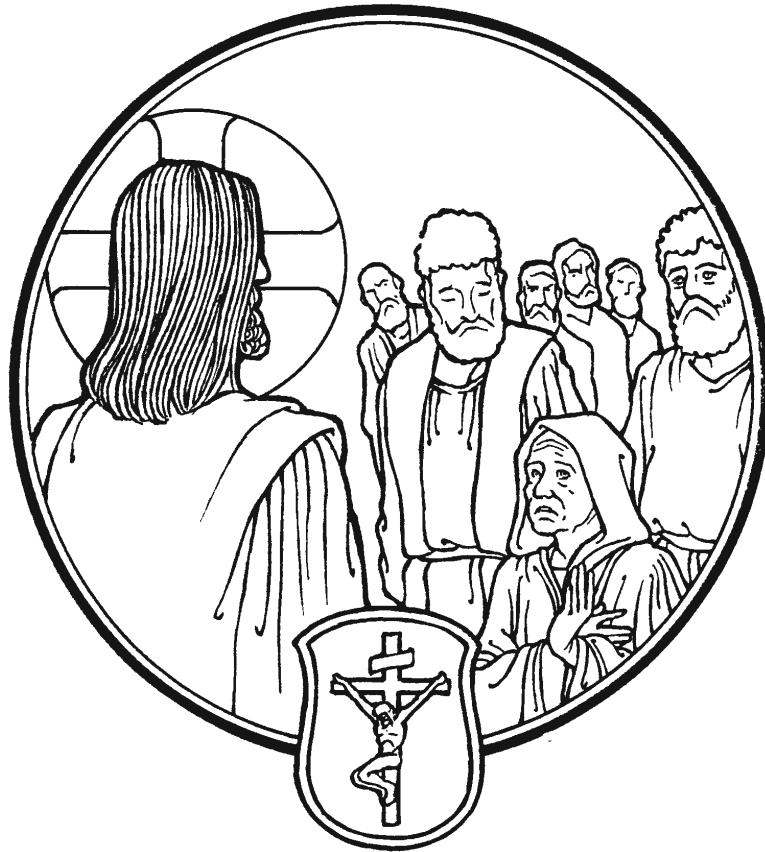
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*Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

Mark 10:45

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 560

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 (ESV)

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

“Alleluia” *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 10:35-45 (ESV)

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "*What do you want Me to do for you?*" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." Jesus said to them, "*You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?*" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "*The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.*"

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "*You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*"

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day # 857

Sermon: “Whoever Would be Great Among You”

Offertory p. 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 194

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Benedicamus and Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn # 722

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,

† Eleanor Becker, Rev. Dean Hartley, and Aaron Rosenow;

† The family of Anna Weigum, as they mourn her death;

† Vera Ziegler & Family, as they mourn the death of her brother,
Norman Miller.

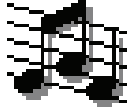


Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 97 Offerings: \$2,598.00

Just as God in Old Testament times called weak and sinful human beings to be priests who called God's people to be faithful to Him, so He continues to call people like us to be stewards of the mysteries of God so that sinners are encouraged to look to their gracious god for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. May we be effective stewards of the good news of salvation in Jesus so that the Holy Spirit can call many more people into the kingdom of God.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Handchimes will ring “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Today in Sunday School, we study the account “Jesus and Zacchaeus.” Like Zacchaeus, we are among the lost whom the Son of Man seeks and forgives. We are called to forgive those who sin against us, no matter how Zacchaeus-like they may be in their sins. Parents might ask, “How does Jesus seek you? How has God forgiven you?”

LWML: The Vesper and Naomi Guilds will meet after Bible Class for a short meeting today.

**God's
Gift of
Forgiveness**

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on Teach Me Your Will, For You Are My God, based on Psalm 143. **Please note:** there is a sign-up sheet to bring soup, sandwiches, and dessert for Wednesday, March 28th on the table in the social hall. Signing up to bring food also includes setting up, serving and/or clean up.

Palm Sunday: The Sunday School children will be carrying palm branches into the sanctuary as part of our worship next Sunday, April 1st. Parents, please have your children in the education wing by 8:20 a.m. Thank you.



Easter Egg Dyeing: The LYF will be dyeing Easter eggs on Wednesday, April 4th at 3:30 p.m. If anyone would like to donate hard boiled eggs, please call Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.

Let's fill the altar with Easter Lilies! Bring your lilies to the church (with your name on them) by Saturday, April 7th to be placed at the altar on Easter morning.

Easter Breakfast: The LYF will also be serving Easter Breakfast. A list of items needed is on the table in the social hall. Thank you for your donations!

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Anna Weigum. Christian Burial was this past Wednesday, March 21, 2012. “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die (John 11:25-26).”

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches-Sign-up Sheet
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for April Calendar
	7:00 pm	<i>Questioning @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Confirmation @ Glen Ullin</i>

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Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or Communion attendance this morning.