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"People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God."

Luke 13:29

Divine Service

Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Splendor and majesty are before him;

**we will bless the Lord from this time forth and
forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

**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.**

Splendor and majesty are before him;

**we will bless the Lord from this time forth and
forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23 (ESV)

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

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 12:4-24 (ESV)

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son

is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

[Jesus] went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And He said to them, *"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*

Nicene Creed p. 206**Hymn of the Day** # 508**Sermon:** *"Strive to enter through the narrow door"***Prayer of the Church****Offering****Service of the Sacrament** p. 208ff.**Distribution Hymns** # 915, 620**Nunc Dimittis** p. 211**Benediction** p. 212**Closing Hymn** # 680

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,

- † Berniece Homuth & Chris Reamer (Marty Black's sister);
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

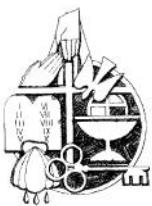


Stewardship of Offering and Attendance

Worship: 90 Offerings: \$1,775.00

"Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'" Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word—but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word.

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!



Catechism Meeting: Parents of 7th, 8th, & 9th-graders, we will have a Catechism information meeting on Wednesday, August 28th, 7:00 p.m. You should have received a letter with more information. Please plan to attend this meeting with your child.

Sunday School begins September 8th. Students and teachers are needed! Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. If you are willing to teach or substitute teach, please indicate it on the form. Please put all completed forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox or give to Pastor.

Thank you to Vicky Yeager and all who helped with the Back to School Party. Your work is greatly appreciated!

LWML Retreat: Have you registered yet for the 2013 ND LWML Women's Retreat to be held at the Chieftain Motel, Carrington, ND the weekend of September 20-22? Bible Study leader, Rev. David Suelzle and Guest Speaker, Mary Hilgendorf, will educate and encourage us to grow in our unique gifts of serving the Lord together. Come and join us for this special weekend.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Catechism Information Meeting
Thursday	9:00 am 2:00 pm	Deadline for September calendar information <i>Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)</i>
Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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