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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*Far be it from me to boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Setting Four

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Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

strengthen me according to your word!

and graciously teach me your law!

I set your just decrees before me.

let me not be put to shame!

when you enlarge my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

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O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you

shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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: Philemon 1-21 (ESV)

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to

command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man*

began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day # 556 (st. 1, 5-10)

Sermon: Life and Good, Death and Evil

Prayer of the Church

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Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.

Distribution Hymns # 783, 636

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Closing Hymn # 707

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, Bernie Keller, & Chris Reamer
(Marty Black's sister);

† Ray & Lorraine Sorge & family, as they mourn the
death of Ray's mother;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep
them under His gracious care.



Stewardship of Offering and Attendance

Worship: 105 Offerings: \$2,621.00

*"So therefore, any one of you who does not
renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple."*

None of what we have is ours—it all belongs to
God. That is the foundation of Christian
stewardship. What we have been given is to be
used for God's purposes according to our callings
in home, Church and society.

Human Care Project

The September Human Care Project is the collection of
personal care items for Women's Action & Resource
Center. Items can be placed on the shelf in the entryway.



LWML will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday,
September 22nd before and after worship.
Funds raised will be used to support Tiffany
Scherer's upcoming mission trip to Kenya
in November. Anyone wishing to donate
baked items for the sale should bring them
to the fellowship hall that morning.

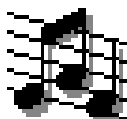
Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Bible Class: Please join us for Bible class after worship this Sunday as we study **The Real Man of Steel**. We will see how Jesus is God of all, who shows His strength most clearly in our weakness.

Council Members, we will meet this Wednesday, September 11th, 7:00 pm.

The LWML Joint Meeting will be Thursday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m. Curt Melland will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about his mission trips to Alaska. The congregation is invited to join us.

Handchime Choir: Children in 3rd grade or older that would like to play handchimes are needed.



Practice is 30 minutes every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the church. It is very easy to learn and you don't need to know how to read music. This is a great opportunity for a parent and child to do together. If you have any questions, please talk to Cindy Peterson or any member of the bell or chime choirs.

Thrivent Membership Appreciation Supper: The Mercer-Oliver County Chapter for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites all members and their spouse/guest to a Membership Appreciation Supper. The supper is on Monday, September 30th, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th Street NW, Beulah. Doors open at 5:30 pm. and the meal starts around 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to Darlene Bauman (983-4264) by Monday, September 23rd with the number of people attending.

† 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	10:15 am	Communion @ KRCC
Wednesday	3:30 pm	1 st -year Catechism
	4:30 pm	2 nd -year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Handchime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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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.*