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*Your words were found, and I ate them,
and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.*

Jeremiah 15:16a

dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding."

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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: Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)

Now when the Pharisees gathered to Him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders,

and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And He said to them, *"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, " 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."*

And He said to them, *"You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from Me is Corban' (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."*

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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.

Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this 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!

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Sunday School begins September 13 and Wednesday School for 7th, 8th, & 9th graders begins September 16. 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 forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox or give them to Pastor.

Roofing Project: We owe \$13,130 on our loan for the roof work. Donations are welcome to pay off the congregation's loan for the roof work. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.



A joint baby shower for Jace James, son of Jeffery Cramer & Jade Schaan and Delaney Nevaeh, daughter of Craig & Autumn Schaan will be held at Concordia on Monday, August 24, 7:00 pm. Please join us as we welcome Jace & Delaney into the family of Concordia.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick & recovering: Jim Black, Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner); Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);
- † For a bountiful harvest that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;
- † Our schools, that all good and useful knowledge may flourish and grow.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$2,242.00

“But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Monday	7:00 pm	Baby Shower
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for September calendar items
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin