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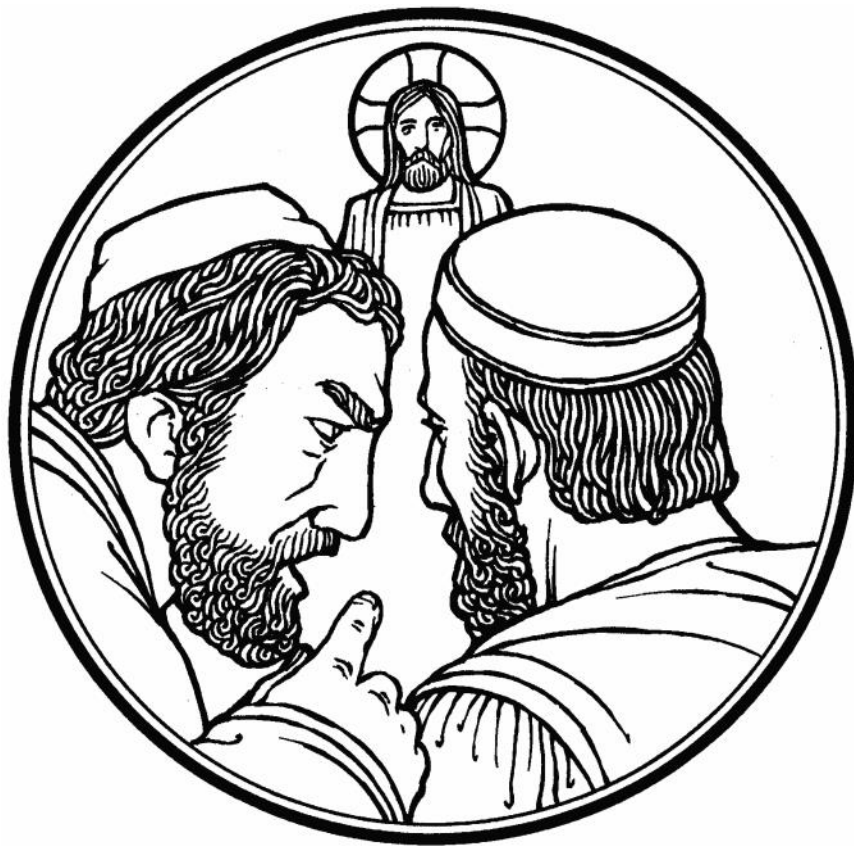
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Beulah, North Dakota

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11th Sunday after Pentecost



*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."*

John 6:51a,b

and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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 4:17—5:2 (ESV)

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 6:35—51 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, *“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the*

will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me—not that anyone has seen the Father except Him who is from God; He has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 684

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"What Shall I Render" p. 159

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Closing Hymn # 680

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner); Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);

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

† For a bountiful harvest that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God.

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!

Thank you to Jamey Backus for leading worship this morning.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation until August 12. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673 or Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm.



Volunteers are needed to water the flowers at Church for the months of August and September! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The August calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, June council minutes & children's devotional magazines are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

Roofing Project: Donations are welcome to help pay off the congregation's loan for the roof work. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 82 Offerings: \$3,035.25

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That's how so many of God's blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:15 am	Knife River Care Center Communion
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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