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"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

Mark 6:50c

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 570

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
 and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

I will extol you, my God and King,
 and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
 and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
 and his greatness is unsearchable.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
 and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
 and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**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.**

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 and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17 (ESV)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I

will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:45-56 (ESV)

Immediately [Jesus] made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "*Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.*" And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came,

in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner); Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), Brenda Weigum, & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);
- † Our sister congregation, St. Matthew, Hazen, as she celebrates her 100th anniversary;
- † For the Church and Nation in light of the Supreme Court decision concerning same-sex marriage,
- † For the strengthening of Christian families and living out our godly vocations;
- † For strength and joy in Being Lutheran for this Moment.

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!



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

Roofing Project Update: \$51,385 has been received to pay for the roofing and gutter work. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! The total cost of the work was \$65,565, which means that we have a debt of \$14,180. Donations of any amount are welcome to help pay off the loan. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.

Greeters are needed for the month of August. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 101 Offerings: \$3,807.00

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. . ." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	9:00 am 2:30 am	Deadline for August calendar items <i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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