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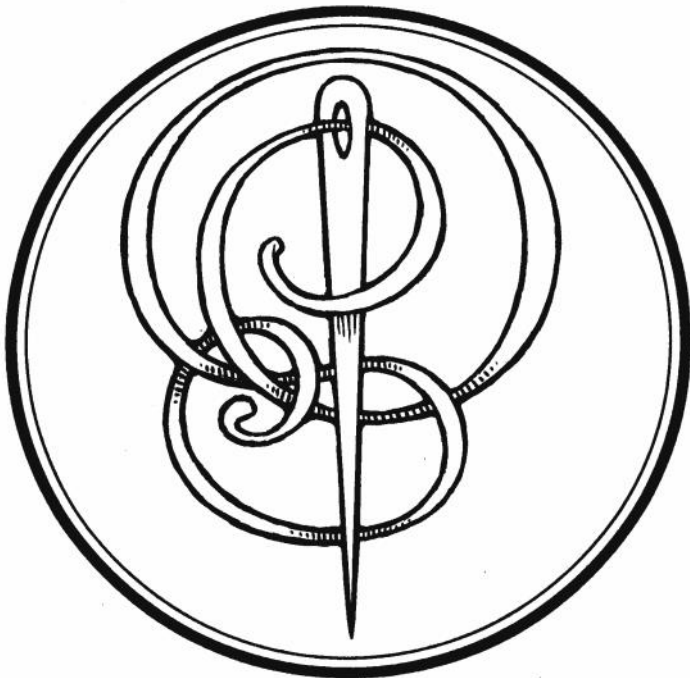
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“With man it is impossible, but not with God.

For all things are possible with God.”

Mark 10:27b

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Introit

The Lord is near to the broken hearted

and saves the crushed in spirit.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation & Collect

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O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (ESV)

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little

or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16 (ESV)

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They

shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 10:23-31 (ESV)

And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, *"How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"* And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, *"Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."* And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, "Then who can be

saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, *"With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."* Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left everything and followed You." Jesus said, *"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 736 {tune: O Jesu Christ,
Warsres Licht}

Sermon: Leaving Everything to Follow Jesus

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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.

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!

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17).

Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, 4:00—6:00 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. We are in need of “trunks” to hand out treats. Hot dogs and beverages will also be served.

Please join us on Sunday, November 15th, 11:00 am for a noon meal following the Voters Meeting. All food will be furnished by the Thrivent Action Team Project and LWML members. There will be a free will offering to help pay for the church roof.

Nominations: The following church council officer positions will be open for re-election this fall: Evangelism, Fellowship, Public Relations, Finance, and three positions for Lay Ministry. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner 948-2534 or Jamey Backus 873-7673.

Roof Fund: \$4,450 was paid on September 27, 2015. This leaves us a loan balance of \$7,985. Please clearly mark all donations to the roof fund. *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 106:1).*

“Thank you” Jean Bornemann and Norma Sailer for providing bars after worship last Sunday.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Lamoine Beling (brother of Gayleen Briggs), Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† The family of Una (Oberlander) Reinhardt as they mourn her death;

† The family of Betty (Hafner) Strecker as they mourn her death.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 136 Offerings: \$3,286.50

“Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple – let it encourage you today.

We are the North Dakota District – I am privileged to serve on the Board of Regents for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. I just got back from our quarterly meeting. This is a good time to remember that our Synod has two marvelous seminaries with impeccable theological training for our pastors: Ft. Wayne and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Please remember our seminaries (professors and students) in your daily prayers this week.

President Baneck

