



Seek *first*
the kingdom of God

Look at the birds of the air... Your heavenly Father knows their needs and yours!
based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33



LWML Sunday 2015

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 901

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Introit

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

from him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be greatly shaken.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

**that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord,
belongs steadfast love.**

For you will render to a man

according to his work.

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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O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:8-16a (ESV)

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up.

Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! for the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13 (ESV)

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced

to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:24-34 (ESV)

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Children will be ringing chimes while congregation sings.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Handbell choir will ring "You Raise Me Up" during gathering of morning offerings and "Seek Ye First" during gathering of mites.

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Closing Hymn # 763

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 LWML members, that they may serve the Lord with gladness;

† Our sick & recovering: Orion Bornemann, 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).



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 112 Offerings: \$2,384.00

Welcome to worship on LWML Celebration Sunday!

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout this community and the world. Today the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Together, we offer our praise using the theme "Seek First the Kingdom of God," based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33, in worship and invite you to learn more about the missions and ministry of the LWML. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



LWML Mites will be gathered this morning following the gathering of our morning offerings.

Bible Class: Please join us for Bible class this morning for a presentation of the 2015 National LWML Convention.

Pastors Conference: Pastor Heller will be at the Fall Pastors Conference Monday — Wednesday of this week. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

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" to Connie Bieber, Diana Helm and Judy Jose for providing bars/cookies for the congregation last Sunday.



A baby shower for Lolly Louise, daughter of Stephen & Savannah Elkins, will be held Sunday, October 11th, 2:00 pm. Please join us as we welcome Lolly into the family of Concordia.

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.

LWML ND Mission Grants 2014-2016 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance
ND District Full-Time Churchworker Scholarships	\$35,000	-0-	\$35,000
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000	-0-	\$8,000
Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Kenya Africa Rescue Centers	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
New Playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Bible for Peace Officers Ministries	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry, Grafton, ND	\$1,500	-0-	\$1,500
Sudanese Lay Pastor Training	\$1,500	-0-	\$1,500
TOTALS	\$76,000	-0-	\$76,000

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday LWML Sunday
8:30 am Divine Service
 *Mites collected
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
9:30 am LYF Bible Study/Meeting
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday — Pastor @ Fall Conference
Wednesday

Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Chime Practice
7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 1:45 pm 3rd year Catechism

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
2:00 pm Elkins Baby Shower
2:30 pm Pastor @ Knife River Care Center

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