

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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17th Sunday after Pentecost



*"If anyone would be first,
he must be last of all and servant of all."*

Mark 9:35b

the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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: James 3:13-4:10 (ESV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be

turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:30-37 (ESV)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, *“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.”* But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, *“What were you discussing on the way?”* But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, *“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”* And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, *“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 605

Sermon: Who Is Wise and Understanding Among You?

Prayer of the Church

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 649, 637, 818

“Post-Communion Collect p. 166

Thank the Lord” p. 164

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 725

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: Jim Black, 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);

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



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 130 Offerings: \$2,999.00

“But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear, if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again that they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so were confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

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!

Bibles: This morning, 3rd graders and others who had not previously received one will be presented with Bibles. This is part of the ministry of Concordia to put the Word of God into each of our youth's hands.



“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the

eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it” (Is 55:10-11).

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). What does this mean? Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of the book of the Romans.

Roofing Project Update: The balance of our loan to Lutheran Church Extension Fund is \$12,480. Donations of any amount are welcome to pay off our financial obligation. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.

“Lost & Found” a musical group will be presenting a free concert at Zion Lutheran Church, 413 Avenue D East, Bismarck, Friday, September 25th, 7:00 pm. There will be a free-will offering to offset expenses.

Circuit Forum: At the circuit forum on September 12, the following were elected to be our circuit representatives to the Synodical Convention July 9-14, Milwaukee, WI:

Pastoral Delegate	Rev. Toby Heller, Beulah
Lay Delegate	Dick Dever, Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck
Pastoral Alternate Delegate	Rev. Kirk Peters, Hazen
Lay Alternate Delegate	Brian Rosin, Zion, Bismarck



Sign-up Sheet: Volunteers are needed to water the flowers at Church for the remainder of September. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Monday, September 28th. Also if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

“Thank You” to Carrie Hafner, Aloha Simenson and Cheryl Wiedrich for serving bars/cookies after worship last Sunday.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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