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*The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Psalm 147:2-3

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 908

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O Lord, I call: my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the Lord!

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a (ESV)

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

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Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18 (ESV)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be opened*." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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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: Jim Black, Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner); & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);
- † For Haley, in thanksgiving that she was not harmed in the fire that destroyed her home and as she rebuilds her life;
- † For our law enforcement officials & all who work to make our communities safe;
- † For an end to the brutal slaughter of children in abortion;
- † For a bountiful harvest that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His tender care.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Offerings: \$2,533.00

“For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in. . .” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. Both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving, that is: giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

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!

Free-will Donation: There is a basket in the social hall for free-will donations for Haley Winkler. The house she was living in was destroyed by fire. She was not physically hurt, but she did lose virtually all of her possessions. All donations received will be given directly to Haley. *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me” (Matthew 25:40).*



Bible Class will meet this Tuesday, September 8, 2:00 pm. This is a change from the September calendar.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 13 and Wednesday School for 7th, 8th, & 9th graders begins with the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 16. Enrollment forms are on the table in the social hall. If you are willing to teach or substitute teach, please indicate it on the form. Please put all forms in Terence Schmidt’s mailbox or give them to Pastor.

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). What does this mean? Please join us for Bible class as we begin a study of the book of Romans next Sunday, September 13.

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



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

The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, children’s devotionals & council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife Care Center
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor Glen Ullin
	7:00 pm	LWML Joint Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin

Church Office Hours

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