

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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14th Sunday after Pentecost



*People will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and recline at table in the kingdom of God.*

Luke 13:29

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: Hebrews 12:4-24 (ESV)

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

[Jesus] went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And He said to them, *"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*

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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

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Lacy Korbyn, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

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!

Please join us following worship for cookies & coffee sponsored by the LWML.

Elders, please remember our meeting Wednesday, August 24th, 7:00 pm.

Finance Committee: We are in need of someone to serve on the Finance Committee. Please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor Heller if you are interested.



Sunday School begins September 11th! Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. Please put all completed registration forms in Terence Schmidt's mailbox. If you would like to teach or help, please talk to Terence.



Volunteers are needed for August and September to water flowers at the Church: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the entire week. Thank you!

“Thank you” everyone who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Concordia. A total of \$884.00 Choice Dollars grant funds went to Concordia Lutheran Church in the month of July 2016.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: ??? Offerings: \$1,549.00

“Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and return thanks.

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Tuesday 1:00 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
- Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for September calendar information
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 10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*