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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Luke 14:11

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 13:1-17 (ESV)

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "*Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?*" But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, "*Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?*" And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.'*

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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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: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Lacy Korbyn, Marilyn Helm, Lacy Korbyn, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);
- † Declan, baptized today;
- † For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive with thanksgiving our daily bread from the hand of God;
- † Our schools, that all good and useful knowledge may flourish and grow.

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

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!

At the font: We rejoice that Declan Renner, the son of Jesse & Miranda Renner, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Declan is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. "[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).



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 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!



The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, July council minutes & "My Devotions" for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 81 Offerings: \$1,962.00

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: that's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	10:30 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
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