

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord  
and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you  
will receive the inheritance as your reward.*

*Col. 3:23-24a*



I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

### **Gradual**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**and their words to the ends of the world.**

### **Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But He said to him, "*Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?*" And He said to them, "*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*" And He told them a parable, saying, "*The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'* But God said to him, '*Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.*"

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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.

*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!

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the Christian faith, Wilma Lang. Christian Burial will be Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 10 AM. *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26).



**Volunteers are needed for August 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 August calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet and June council minutes are on the table in the social hall.



**Greeters** are needed for the month of August. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

- † Our sick & recovering: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Lacy Korbyn, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);
- † The family of Wilma Lang, as they mourn her death.

**Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 89 Offerings: \$3,852.50

And Jesus said to them, *"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness: acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

**† This Week at Concordia**

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

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