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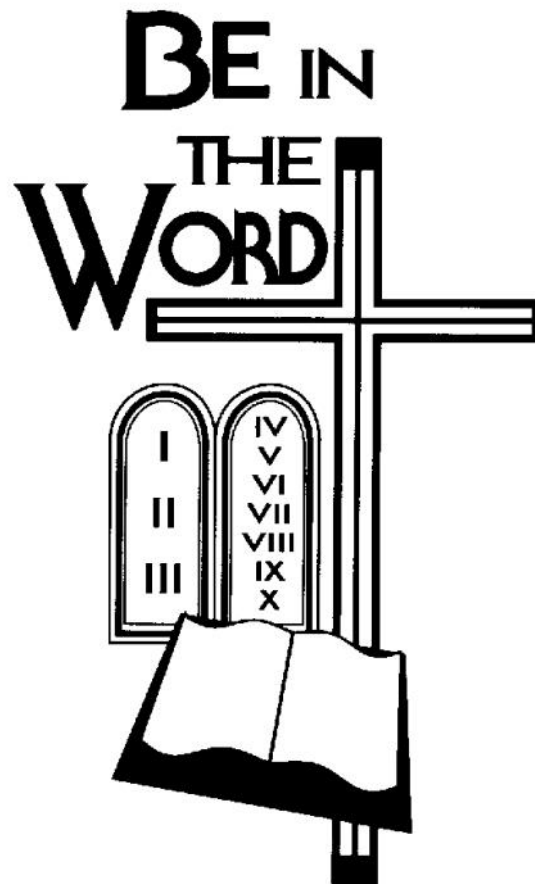
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*"If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."*

Luke 16:31

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 686

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Introit

Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,

and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

for your law is my delight.

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 God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Amos 6:1-7 (ESV)

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (ESV)

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

[Jesus says] *"There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and I saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in*

anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

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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: Bev Boyer (mother of Cindy Peterson), Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Marilyn Helm, Lori Kuschel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber).

Lutheran Witness subscriptions are due October 1st. If you are currently receiving the magazine you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the subscription, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the church office by Wednesday, September 28th.

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/bars & coffee.

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study on 1 Timothy.

Congregational Officers: The following positions will be open for election at the November Voters meeting: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry: 3 positions, Finance Committee: 1 position, Church Properties, Christian Education, and Stewardship. In addition, we need someone to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to Glenn Renner, Jamey Backus, or Pastor Heller.

LWML Sunday: Next Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate LWML Sunday, under the theme “Come and See”. Please note that mission mites will be collected on LWML Sunday as part of our worship.



October’s Human Care Project is collecting toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and other personal items to be donated to the local Women’s & Action Resource Center. Anyone wishing to donate may leave items on shelves in the church entryway. All donations are greatly appreciated!

We are currently in need of one or two persons to take over the kitchen committee. Duties include making sure the kitchen is stocked with coffee, Kool-Aid, paper plates, napkins, etc. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dorothy Dschaak or Kim Senske.

The LWML Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 1st, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck. All women are invited to attend! There is a flyer with more information located on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship area.

Greeters are needed for the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 105 Offerings: \$3,025.00

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion. . . .” The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First off: faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right we will want to follow the rest of Amos’s instructions: to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words: to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for October calendar items
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