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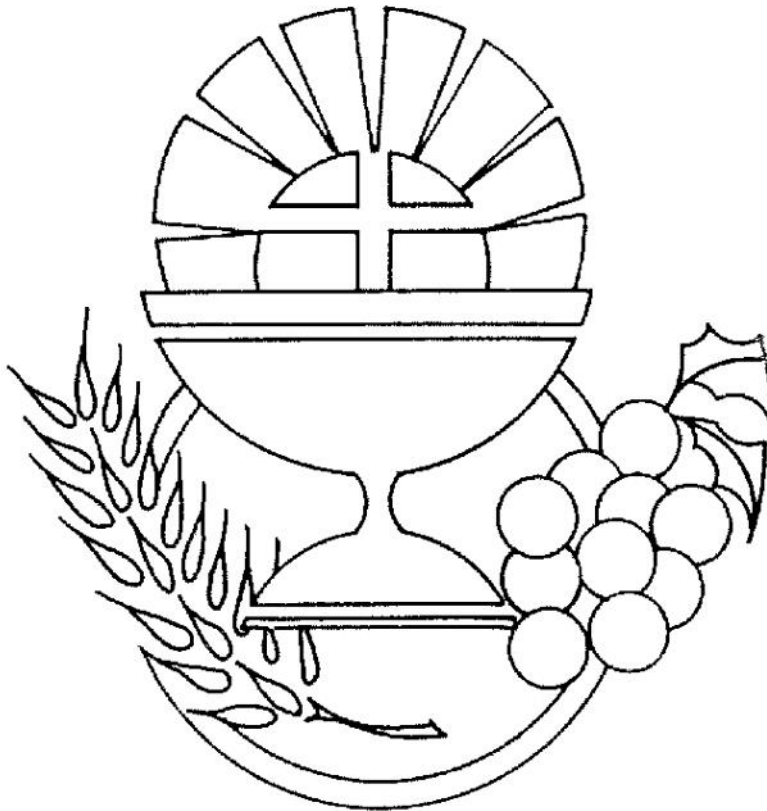
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The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

Let the one who hears say, "Come."

*Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires
take the water of life without price.*

Revelation 22:17

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 435

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Introit

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the

earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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: Philippians 4:4-13 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, *"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'* But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops

and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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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,

- † Katlyn Dschaak & Robert Baker, united in holy marriage;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by the wildfires;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by hurricanes & adverse weather.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

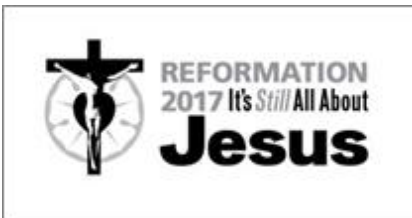
Worship: 145 Offerings: \$3,019.00

'But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.' The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

Baptism saves.

God works through means. The Holy Spirit creates faith through the Word and the Sacraments. When ordinary water is combined with God's Word and connected with His command, it does exactly what God promises it will do. It saves (Titus 3:4-7; 1 Pet. 3:21). Through Baptism God forgives sins and gives the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Baptism joins you to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5). Baptism gives eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus (Col. 2:11-12). Baptism makes disciples (Matt. 28:19).

These promises are for all people, young and old (Acts 2:39). These promises are fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. For you.



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!



The Gideons have been distributing the Word of God since 1908. This morning, we welcome a representative of the Gideons who will share information about their work with us.

Elders will meet Wednesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm.

Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy: Cinema Flix theater in Hazen will be showing this movie for free on Wednesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm, as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Rev. Heller will be on vacation Thursday, October 19th—Tuesday, October 24th. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

Trunk or Treat: Concordia will again be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st, 5:00-6:30 pm. Donations of candy are welcome and can be placed in the kitchen. Anyone wishing to bring their vehicle (trunk) to help hand out candy is welcome. Please let Vicky Yeager know if you will be willing to help in any way.



The October Human Care Project is collecting laundry detergent to be donated to Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may be placed on the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

Nominations: We need to elect the following positions on the Church council in November: Evangelism, Fellowship, Public Relations, Finance, and three positions for Lay Ministry. If you are interested in one of these offices, please talk to Kevin Herrmann.

Lay Delegate: Concordia is in need of a lay delegate to represent the congregation at the 2018 District Convention, January 21-24, in Dickinson. Please talk to Pastor Heller or Jamey Backus if you are interested.

Addresses / Contact Information: If your phone number, mailing address, or email address has changed, please contact the church office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Why Do We Need to Teach Children to Give?

Stewardship is not just for adults. It is important that young people also learn that they are greatly blessed by God and that God, in turn, expects them to share their blessings. Due to the extraordinary emphasis on commercialism and materialism in our society today, there is an increased awareness within charitable organizations across the country, including parishes, that we must teach our children the importance of giving while they are young and before they are caught up in a culture that teaches them to constantly strive for more and better material possessions for themselves. Consider the following:

All charities are seeing a noticeable and alarming decline in giving by young people.

Yet, adjusting for inflation, the average young adult spends 5x more than their parents did per year, just a generation ago.

Kids receive 3,000 ad messages a day (including those now being imbedded into movies and television.) By the time they are 21 they will have received 23 million advertising messages.

Typically, giving only happens after all our needs are met.

Advertising trends are convincing young people that new technology, material possessions and lifestyles that would have once been considered as luxuries and “wants” are now “needs.”

As advertisers excel at teaching young people that everything is a need, we must excel at teaching them stewardship – that giving is a need, too.

This is just a very interesting article that I found and though I would share it with you. Giving is not just about treasure only, it is about time and talent too.

Richard Simenson
Stewardship Chairman

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Saturday	10:00 am	LWML Fall Rally, Holy Cross, Bismarck
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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