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*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."*

Matthew 21:42b

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Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1-7 (ESV)

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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 3:4b-14 (ESV)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and

killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

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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: Loretta Bankson (sister of Marlene Schriefer);
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by the wildfires;
- † Our neighbors who lives and property are affected by hurricanes & adverse weather.

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!

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.

LWML Fall Rally: The LWML Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 21st at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Registration begins at 10:00 am. More information if posted on the LWML bulletin board.

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.

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.

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!



The Gideons have been distributing the Word of God since 1908. Next Sunday, a representative of the Gideons will be with us to share information about their work.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 137 Offerings: \$3,835.00

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest: they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Friday	6:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	4:00 pm	Dschaak/Baker Wedding
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You still aren't good enough for God's love.

"The love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it" (Luther's Works 31:57). God loves you. For no good reason...except

His goodness. Though you may be tempted to work to improve to be more liked or loved, God doesn't wait for your improvement. He doesn't even require it. He loves you. His love is what changes you from sinner to saint.

His love sent Jesus to die and rise for you. His love gives you salvation in Christ freely. His love caused Holy Scripture to be written so that you might hear and believe in His love. His love washed you in Baptism. His love feeds you in the Lord's Supper. His love makes you loveable. He loves you freely and fully. No strings attached.

