

Concordia Lutheran Church

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*If you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Matthew 6:14

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 611

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Introit

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

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, our refuge and strength, the author of all goodness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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: Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.*"

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should

not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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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), Robert Schriefer, & Brenda Weigum;
- † Our neighbors whose lives and property are affected by the wildfires;
- † Our neighbors whose 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!

Bell and Chime Choir will be changing things up. We will have two groups and each group will practice once a month. The first group will be the former chime choir group and the second group will be the former bell choir group. We will play chimes and bells at each practice in each group. The first group practice is on September 20th, 7:00 pm. The second group practice is on September 27th, 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested in joining, please talk to Nona Blaisdell.



Baby Shower: Please join us for a baby shower honoring Summer Jade Morast, the daughter of Evan Morast and Tiffany Mittelsteadt, on Sunday, September 24, 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome Summer into the family of Concordia.

“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 Thursday, September 28th.

The Reformation by Cameron A. MacKenzie is a new book from Concordia Publishing House on the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Never before has a history of the Reformation been prepared in English like this one. It brings together the persons, places, events, and issues into clear focus. A sample, along with an order form, are on the table in the social hall.

The September Human Care Project is collecting winter items for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave items in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

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

Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 122 Offerings: \$3,999.00

“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

† 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
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	1 st Group Bell & Chime Practice
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	2:00 pm	Morast Baby Shower

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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