Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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25th Sunday after Pentecost



You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. ² Corinthians 8:9 **DIVINE SERVICE** Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 703

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

whom he has redeemed from trouble.

He raises up the needy out of affliction

and makes their families like flocks.

The upright see it and are glad,

and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

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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Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' " And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV)

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 12:38-44 (ESV)

And in His teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

And He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

| Nicene Creed | p. 158 | Service of the Sacrament | p. 160 |
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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,

† Kent Larson, Rev. Dave Suelzle, & Casey Voigt.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church Year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes again, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of our sins. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Bible Class: Please join us as we continue our study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

Our Voters Meeting is next Sunday, November 18th, following worship. Among the items of business will be the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 2019 budget. Nominations are posted on the bulletin board and unapproved minutes from the February 25, 2018 meeting are also on the table in the social hall. Potluck will follow the Voters meeting.



You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing (Psalm 145:16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship. Wednesday, November 21, 6:30 pm.

Advent Meals: We are going to change the way we do the Wednesday fellowship meals during Advent in the effort to involve more people. The three work groups will be preparing the meals, with Group 1 for December 5th, Group 2 for December 12th, and Group 3 for December 19th. You will be receiving a phone call to be part of the meal for your work group.



Christmas Program: We are in need of a director for the Children's Christmas Program. If you would like to do it or want more information, please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor.

† This Week at Concordia †

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| Sunday | 8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm | Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service Bible Class | Donations of Thanksgiving meal canned goods will |
| Tuesday | 10:15 am | Communion @ Knife River Care Center | be collected for Women's Action & |
| Wednesday | 4:00 pm 6:00 pm | Catechism Council Meeting | Resource Center Please leave items in the pantry unit in |
| Sunday | 8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm 12:00 pm | Worship @ Glen Ullin Divine Service Sunday School/Voters Meeting Potluck | the hallway by November 20th. Thank you. |

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 140 Offerings: \$4,415.50

From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.