

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord
and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you
will receive the inheritance as your reward.*

Col. 3:23-24a

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting Four**

Hymn of Invocation # 730

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

Hear this, all peoples!

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!

Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.

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.

Hear this, all peoples!

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!

Kyrie p. 204

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Salutation & Collect p. 205

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (ESV)

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil

for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Gradual

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But He said to him, "*Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?*" And He said to them, "*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*" And He told them a parable, saying, "*The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'* But God said to him, '*Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.*'"

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

"Lord, Make Me Rich! Amen."

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

Nunc Dimittis

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn

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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.

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!

Rev. Paul Hopkins, an Advancement Officer with Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, will be with us on Sunday, August 11th.



During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please leave items on the shelves in the entryway.

Mercer County Farmers Union is looking for volunteers to work with the Great Plains Food Bank packing fresh food for area food pantries from 1-4 pm on Friday, August 9th, at the New Life Assembly Church parking lot. For any questions or more information, contact Kandie@fumic.com or call 873-5147.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Evan Bier, Bonnie Dikoff-Jacobson (mother of Terry), Doug Neuberger, & Alice Voegele (Bruce's aunt).

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 74 Offerings: \$3,673.00

Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold—thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Thursday	2:30 am	Knife River Care Center Watermelon Feed
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service

Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.