

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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LWML Sunday



Kingdom people produce

KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

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Hymn of Invocation

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Holy Baptism

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Introit

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.

Alleluia

Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

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.

Hymn of the Day *“Praise, Love, Serve”*

Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray, Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away. With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin. Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.	In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have. Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love. His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend; Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.
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Wherever He has need of us,
We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us,
We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls
Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life
Through fellowship with Him.

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune *LSB* 361)

Sermon: “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit”

The League Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life, to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Closing Hymn

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
It is He alone,
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own;
To enjoy the blessings,
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory,
Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command,
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name.

(Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: *LSB 662*)

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,



- † Sandy Femling, Wilma Hausauer, Lorraine Sorge, & Kim Wolf (Myron & Carrie Hafner's niece);
- † Birkin, baptized today;
- † Our military personnel, law enforcement and emergency response workers.

Welcome to worship as we today celebrate LWML Sunday. The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... *The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.* As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth. Visitors, please sign our guestbook and worship with us again soon.



LWML mites will be collected today.

At the font: This morning, we welcome Birkin Carter O'Grady, infant son of Macy Smith and Collin O'Grady, to the family of God through the new birth of Holy Baptism. In lieu of a baby shower that Concordia usually has for our baptized children, we will just shower Birkin and family with gifts. Gifts for Birkin can be placed on the table in the social hall. Please call Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243, if you have any questions. Macy is the daughter of Tracy and Malissa Smith and granddaughter of Carol Weigum.

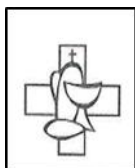


"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of Matthew's Gospel.

Portals of Prayer for October – December are on the table in the social hall. Please help yourself.

The October Human Care Project is collecting laundry items, hand soaps, dish soap and personal hygiene items for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may be placed on the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you!

The October calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and August Council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. The October information is also available on Concordia's website, www.concordiabeulah.org.



Private Communion: If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in a smaller group setting because of health or Covid concerns, please call Pastor Heller, 873-4388.

Home Instead Senior Care offers personalized services to help your senior loved one remain safely in their own home. Information brochures are on the table in the social hall.

Greeters are needed for the months of October, November and December. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin in the social hall.

Stewardship

Offerings: \$15,750.00

Attendance: 93

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

Matthew 21:43

The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but 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.



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1-1-1 Mission Giving

1 Dollar

1 Baptized Member

1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service * Mites Collection
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday — Wednesday		Pastor @ Fall Pastors Conference
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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

