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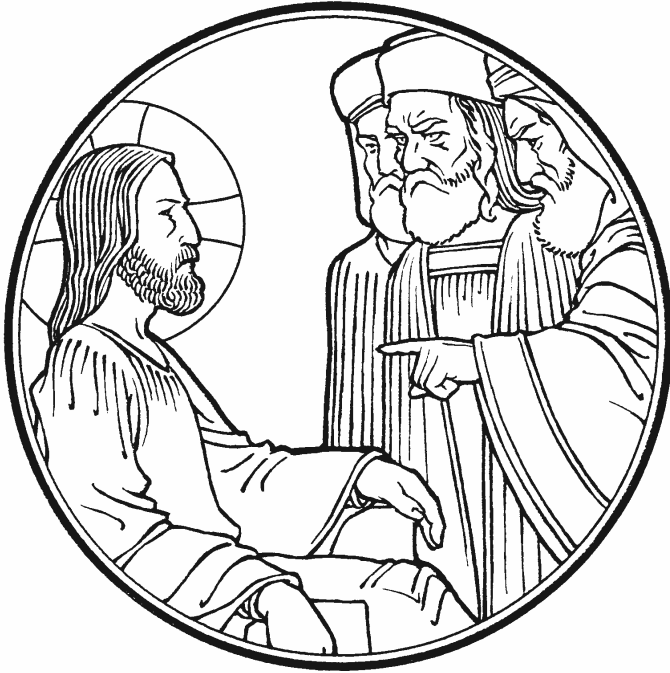
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost



*"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to Me."*

Matthew 28:18b

DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

The Lord lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken hearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

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.

The Lord lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (ESV)

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?"

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

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 2:1-18 (ESV)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point

of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:23-32 (ESV)

And when [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" Jesus answered them, *"I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?"* And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, *"Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."*

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son

and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day # 554

Sermon: "You shine as lights in the world"

Prayer of the Church

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Closing Hymn # 655

Introit, Gradual, & Collect from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Sandy Buchmann, Sandy Femling, Wilma Hausauer, Lorraine Sorge, Brenda Weigum, & Kim Wolf (Myron & Carrie Hafner's niece);

† Isabelle, baptized today;

† Our military personnel, law enforcement and emergency response workers.

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!

"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.

Shower: Isabelle Stella Moore, the 8 month old daughter of Justin & Samantha Moore will be baptized into Christ in a private ceremony today. In lieu of a baby shower that Concordia usually has for our baptized children, we will just shower Isabelle and family with gifts. Gifts can be placed on the LWML table in the social hall. Please call Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243, if you have any questions. Samantha is the daughter of Jeff and Connie Gegelman.



Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Thursday, October 1st.



Happy Birthday Kits will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center during September. Items may include disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, and balloons. Please leave items in 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 fellowship hall.

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



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.

Shower: Birkin Carter O'Grady, infant son of Macy Smith and Collin O'Grady will be baptized during regular worship services on Sunday, October 4th. In lieu of a baby shower that Concordia usually has for our baptized children of Concordia, we will just shower Birkin and family with gifts. Please have your gifts to the church by October 4th. Please call Nona Blaisdell, 870-1243, if you have any questions. Macy Smith is the daughter of Tracy and Malissa Smith and granddaughter of Carol Weigum.



† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service
11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Monday - Pastor @ Fall Pastors Conference
Wednesday

Wednesday 4:00 am Catechism

Sunday LWML Sunday
8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service
* Mites collected
11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 80 Offerings: \$2,118.00

“But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd ...”

Matthew 21:26

Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.



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1 Baptized Member
1 Week, every week

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