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18th Sunday after Pentecost



*"If anyone would be first,
he must be last of all and servant of all."*

Mark 9:35b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in this 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!

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.

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Introit

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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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and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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: James 3:13-4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive,

because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "*The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.*" But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "*What were you discussing on the way?*" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "*If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.*" And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, "*Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.*"

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE
ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

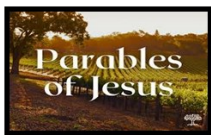
Attendance: 74 Offerings: \$3,225.00

*But they did not understand the saying,
and were afraid to ask Him.*

Mark 9:32

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for Bible class this morning as we study the Parable of the Talents.

The September Ingathering is warm winter gear, such as mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women's Action & Resource Center.

Sunday Morning Coffee: If you or your family would like to provide treats for Sunday morning fellowship there is a sign-up sheet on table in the social hall! Baked, bought or whatever you want to provide. And if you are on the calendar to serve coffee for the month and you are planning to bring treats, please sign the sheet also. If you have any questions visit with Nona, 870-1243.



LWML Southwest Zone Rally is Saturday, October 5th, at St. John's, McClusky. Coffee Fellowship begins at 9:15 am. Our speaker is Joy Ryan, the CEO of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Items for the ingathering for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch are listed on the poster on the bulletin board.



October 6th Mission Fest with Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe as our speaker.



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

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you wish to discontinue your subscription or begin receiving the magazine, please call the Church office or email concordiasecretary@westriv.com by Wednesday, October 9th. Also if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

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✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

- Sunday 8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class
- Monday 1:30 pm Bible Class @ Knife River
 Care Center
- Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism
- Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for October calendar
 2:30 pm Pastor @ Marian Manor,
 Glen Ullin
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 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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