

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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18th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Matthew 28:18b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we near the end of the Pentecost season. Daylight hours grow shorter and the green of the fields gives way to the brown of autumn. The changes in nature reflect the spiritual conflict in which we find ourselves. As we near the end of the Pentecost season, we focus our attention more closely on living a Christian life in conflict with Satan. As he prowls around as a roaring lion to devour us, Christ continues to strengthen us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, that we may be faithful unto death. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

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.

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he casts the wicked to the ground.

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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

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

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

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."*

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



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.

***For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each
individual cup tray.***

The Estate of the Home is the fundamental place the Lord works order in His creation. Luther writes in the Large Catechism, "God has given this Estate the distinction above all Estates that are beneath it, that He not simply commands us to love our parents, but to honor them." In the gift of marriage, the Lord has ordered the procreation of life and places a man and a woman into the vocations of father and mother. In this Estate, the Lord sets mothers and fathers as the first teachers of the faith to their children, the primary educators, the ones who discipline and form character so that their children would become good citizens, and faithful husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. In short, the Estate of the Home is the foundation of society, for in this Estate the Lord God creates and preserves life, provides daily care, passes The Faith to the next generation, and prepares future citizens, spouses, pastors, teachers, and Christians.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Announcements

Sunday School: Beginning next Sunday, October 4th, Sunday School will be at 11:00 am.

Catechism Parents, the sign-up sheet for pastoral visits is on the table outside Pastor's study. Please visit with Pastor if we need to adjust the time.

"Lutheran Witness" It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you would like to begin receiving the magazine, or if you wish to cancel your subscription, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the church office by September 30th.

Sarah Circle is changing their meeting times to 4:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next Bible Study and meeting will be October 12th, 4:00 PM.

The LWML SW Zone Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 10th at St. John's in McClusky. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM with the program starting at 10:00 AM. Speaker and ingathering information is on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome!

The October calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, "Happy Times" booklets for the children and the October — December *"Portals of Prayer"* booklets are on the table in the social hall. Please help yourself.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Lay Ministry Meeting
Sunday	LWML Sunday	
	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
		* Mites Collection
	11:00 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Church Office Hours

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Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 79 Offerings: \$1,984.00

“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.