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## *Welcome to Concordia*

*A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation*

*The back pews are reserved for families with small children.*

*A nursery is available in our multipurpose room  
on the side of the narthex.*

*Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.*

Friday & Sunday  
November 13 & 15, 2020

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Friday & Sunday, November 13 & 15, 2020

Hymn: **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vv. 1-4)**

LSB 549

## Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: You have set our iniquities before You,

**People: our secret sins in the light of Your presence. (Psalm 90:8)**

Pastor: Let us go to God in humility and repentance, that He may graciously forgive us.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**People: we confess that we have not trusted You completely. We have forgotten that through Your Son, our sins are forgiven. We have thought that our deeds would save us on the Last Day. We have kept parts of our lives hidden from others and thought they were hidden from You, too. Open our hearts so that we need not fear the Last Day and its judgment, but live each day in Your light, loving You above all else in heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: Although we deserve nothing but eternal punishment, by the grace of God for Jesus' sake, our Heavenly Father declares us to be "children of light, children of the day," (*1 Thessalonians 5:5*) His "good and faithful servants." (*Matthew 25:21a*) Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Hymn of Response: **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

LSB 803

**Psalm 90:1-12 (refrain: verse 17 (From Everlasting to Everlasting))**

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**People: yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Pastor: LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**People: For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

Pastor: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,

**People: like grass that is renewed in the morning;**

Pastor: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

**People: in the evening it fades and withers.**

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**People: yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Pastor: For we are brought to an end by Your anger;

**People: by Your wrath we are dismayed.**

Pastor: You have set our iniquities before You,

**People: our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

Pastor: For all our days pass away under Your wrath;

**People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

Pastor: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

**People: yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Pastor: Who considers the power of Your anger,

**People: and Your wrath according to the fear of You?**

Pastor: So teach us to number our days

**People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**People: yes, establish the work of our hands!**

## Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, our Judge and King, you will come again with great power and glory to gather your people to your side. Give us grace to trust your Word, which will not pass away. Show us how to live with purpose in this world, serving you, our Savior and Lord, who has entrusted us with much. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Zephaniah 1:7-16*

**(A prophecy of the great and terrible Day of the Lord)**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. <sup>8</sup>“On the day of the LORD’s sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. <sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. <sup>10</sup> On that day, declares the LORD, a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup> Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.’ <sup>13</sup> Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine.”

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath—a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom a day of clouds and blackness—<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

***(We are children of light, who build each other up.)***

Pastor: <sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

*LSB 411*

**Alleluia & Verse (Matthew 25:29a)**

Pastor: Alleluia! For to everyone who has will more be given,

**People: and he will have an abundance. Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14-30*

***(The Parable of the Talents)***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>14</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you

entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’<sup>21</sup> His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’<sup>22</sup> The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’<sup>23</sup> His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’<sup>24</sup> “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.’<sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’<sup>26</sup> His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?’<sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned, I would have received it back with interest.’<sup>28</sup> So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.<sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.<sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

**Hymn: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”**

*LSB 782*

**Sermon: “How Shall We Live? Responsibly, in the Master’s Joy”  
Matthew 25:14-30**

**Hymn: “Lord of All Good”**

*LSB 786*

### **Prayers of the Church**

*(Peoples’ response: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.)*

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**Pastor:** May God the Father, who created you; God the Son, who by His blood has redeemed You; and God the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in Your heart; bless you each day until the Day of the Lord turns faith into sight.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vv. 5-7)**

*LSB 549*

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

## Participants in Sunday's Service

Greeters:	Rick and Patty Lorenz
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Carson Martyn
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Zachary Word, Dustin Roth, Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France
Audio/Visual Team:	Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

## This Week's Schedule

Mon., Nov. 16	6:30 p.m.	Proverbs Bible Study for parents with young children, in the multipurpose room
Tues., Nov. 17	7 p.m.	LWML Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Bye Week for Frohna
Wed., Nov. 18	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Study of Hymns and Biblical Texts)
	6 p.m.	Concordia Elders
	7 p.m.	Bible Study (Study of Hymns and Biblical Texts)
Thurs., Nov. 19	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Fri., Nov. 20	11 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
Sun., Nov. 22	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

## Announcements

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 116, one year ago – 154; Adult Bible Class – 17, one year ago – 27

**As We Gather:** In today's Scripture readings, Zephaniah prophesies a day of wrath, a day of mourning. The apostle Paul writes that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. In spite of gloom and doom, there is joy in our hearts! Why? Because in Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the good and faithful servants are commended—not for how much they earned for their master, but simply because they trusted him and lived to please him. Because of God's gift of grace-filled faith, we live in our Master's joy, both now and forever.

**Something to celebrate:** Today we celebrate all of our veterans in the United States of America, but especially those who are Concordia members: Mike Barich, Dale Bronenkant, Larry Burroughs, Carl Jenny, Joseph Koenig, Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Tim Mouser, Marvin Petzoldt, Vernon Steffens, Clifford Stueve, Jerry Werner, Aaron Wunderlich, and Jacob Wunderlich. We thank God for all of you and for your sacrificial service to protect and defend our freedoms and preserve this great nation!

**Order in the Order:** Featured today are the **PRAYERS OF THE CHUCH**. All of life is presented to God in the prayers of the Church; our thanks and praise; the specific needs of the Church and its leaders; the governments and nations of the world; the poor and needy; the sick; and those who cannot defend themselves. This prayer lays before God the needs of all people everywhere.

**Greeting Cards and Kitchen Gadgets** – The LWML is once again offering Christmas and other greeting cards for sale. Along with cards, the LWML also has small kitchen gadgets for under \$10. They are located in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room. Payment is on the honor system by placing your money in the can located in the closet. They will be on display in the multipurpose room after worship on Sundays and Fridays until the middle of December. The small kitchen gadgets include various

knives, pie servers, wire whips, knife sharpeners, dish cloths, scouring pads and more. They would make great Christmas stocking stuffers and exchange gifts.

**“The Voice of Missouri” (November issue)** is available on-line at <http://http://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Nov-2020.pdf>. You may also subscribe to *“The Voice of Missouri”* at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy of the most recent issue is available on the south buffet in Concordia’s narthex for those who do not have internet access.)

**Stewardship thought for the week:** Matthew 25:30a says, **“And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”** Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**Reminder: The LWML Meeting** is this Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Members are reminded to bring stocking money, dues, and mites.

**The Concordia Wednesday Bible study group meets each week at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Our current study is of various hymns and the biblical texts on which they are based. This week, it will be LSB #525, “Crown Him with Many Crowns.”

**On Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day,** in response to God’s goodness to us, **we are asking each household at Concordia to bring, as an offering, three imperishable food items** to be donated to Immanuel, Perryville’s, Food Pantry, for distribution in the county. Suggested items include: canned fruits and vegetables (green beans, peas, corn, carrots, pears, peaches, etc.); any kind of canned soup; peanut butter and jelly; boxed mixes, such as hamburger helper, cake mixes, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, etc.; canned tuna, salmon or chicken. As we give thanks to God for his goodness to us, let’s also take this opportunity to bless others from the abundance of our blessings! (If you want to bring items before November 26, that is fine.)

**A Door Offering for LCMS Disaster Relief** will be collected on Thanksgiving Day, November 26.

**Sunday, November 22, is Commitment Sunday at Concordia.** You should have received a letter and 2021 commitment form (on blue paper) in the mail a couple of weeks ago. Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to God’s grace in your life over the next year, especially when it comes to regular worship attendance; reading and studying God’s Word; using your gifts and talents for the Kingdom; and giving financially to the ministry at Concordia. On that Sunday, we will have a box in the narthex where you can leave your 2021 commitment form. That wooden box will be prominently displayed throughout the year, as a reminder to each of us. Thanks, in advance, for your participation!

**Online Giving** – Concordia offers online giving through our website (click on the “Give” tab) or there is a mobile app you may download (“GivePlus Church”). You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account which can be used for recurring offerings. Contact the Concordia treasurer, Derek Miesner, or the financial secretary, Jenny France, if you have questions or need more information.

**Did you know...**if you are 70½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts

toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 824-6060.

**October Contributions:** 4<sup>th</sup> – \$8,112.00, 11<sup>th</sup> – \$3,165.00, 18<sup>th</sup> – (church cancelled), 25<sup>th</sup> – \$5,527.00; Online Contributions (General Fund) – (Members) – \$4,972.11, (Non-Members) – \$50.50, (Non-Members-Arnold Lorenz Memorials) – \$360.14, and (Non-Members – UCLS Tuition Fund) – \$102.75; and Door Offering for American Bible Society – \$186.37.

### **Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes**

**Our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)** is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser. If you have any cans you would like to donate, please place them in garbage bags (tied/closed) in the storage shed on the picnic grounds. Thank you for your help in sending our young people to the next LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2022 in Houston, Texas.

### **United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes**

**A few tubs of cookie dough are still available** from the UCLS Washington, DC Trip Fundraiser. Tubs of oatmeal raisin and chunky chocolate chip are \$16/tub, and M & M and white chocolate oatmeal cranberry are \$17/tub. Please contact Jennifer Roth (768-6112), a 5th-8th grade parent, or the UCLS Office for more information, or to check remaining availability.

### **Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes**

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Home Tour** will be held virtually, and will be Saturday, December 12. The \$25 ticket purchase benefits Lutheran Family & Children's Services and supports mental health services for families in crisis, young women facing unexpected pregnancies, and forever families created through adoption. After purchasing a ticket, you will be emailed a private access code to watch the guided tour on December 12. Visit [lfcsmo.org](http://lfcsmo.org) for tickets and more information. You can also support LFCS and Missouri children and families by texting HOLIDAY to 345345 to make a gift. If you have any questions, please contact Christy at 573-380-5277.

### **Neighboring Church & Community Notes**

**Flu shots** will be given by the Perry County Health Department this Wednesday, November 18, from 1-4 p.m. at the Altenburg City Hall, Altenburg. Check with your insurance company to see if they cover flu vaccinations. If so, the health department can now bill many insurance companies for the flu vaccine. Individuals with Medicare Part B should bring their cards with them.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Monday, November 23, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. in the Launhardt Activities Center, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N Cape Rock Drive, Cape Girardeau. Blood and platelet donors are needed. Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 334-3200.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Monday, November 30, from 2-7 p.m. in the Salem Lutheran School Gym, Farrar. Appointments are preferred, and masks are required. Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

**The Brazeau Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk**, in Brazeau, will be Saturday, December 5. The entire village will be decorated for the season. Mail letters to Santa in the post office, and visit the S'mores Hut, the craft fair, and the live nativity. Carry-outs of sandwiches, baked goods, and refreshments will be available. The historic

buildings will be on tour, with masks required in all buildings. Monetary donations to the historical society are appreciated.

**The Christmas at Concordia Concert Package**, a special virtual event, from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, will include a video of recorded performances by the Cantamus Women’s Choir, Concordia Handbell Choir, Male Chorus, University A Cappella Choir, the University Brass Ensemble, and the University Symphonic Band. These performances have been recorded individually while following all health and safety protocols. Each package includes two printed keepsake programs and special Christmas gifts to help bring the Christmas spirit from the Concordia University, Nebraska, campus to your home. Similar to reserving tickets for the in-person concerts, a limited amount of concert packages is available. Orders will be taken until Monday, November 30, and the concert video link will be available to view on Saturday, December 12. For more information, visit [christmasatconcordia.net](http://christmasatconcordia.net).

**KFUO Notes**

**This week on KFUE.org**, finish 2 Timothy and begin Titus on *Sharper Iron's* "The Word is Trustworthy" series (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Study a curious theological topic on *Cross Defense* tomorrow, November 16, at 2 p.m. Consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our life in the church on *Concord Matters* this Tuesday, November 17, at 2 p.m., and continue studying 2 Samuel on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life**

**“To be sure, our God and Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone.** (And, of course, any quantity of family and offspring He bestows is a great benefit.) But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy (and delightful!) calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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## Weekly Devotions (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

### Hymn of the Week

LSB 516

#### **“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”**

“Wake, awake, for night is flying,”

The watchmen on the heights are crying;

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight hears the welcome voices

And at the thrilling cry rejoices:

“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes, awake!

Your lamps with gladness take!

Alleluia!

With bridal care

Yourselves prepare

To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

### Bible Stories

11/16 -- M: Genesis 46:1-27

11/17 -- Tu: Genesis 46:28-47:12

11/18 -- W: Genesis 47:27-48:24

11/19-- Th: Genesis 49:1, 49:28-50:14

11/20-- F: Genesis 50:15-26

### Bible Verse

<sup>5</sup>*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

<sup>6</sup>*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)

### Catechism

The First Article and Meaning – *Creation* – “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.”