



Concordia Lutheran Church

10172 Hwy C

Frohna, MO 63748

573.824.5435

concordiafrohna@att.net

Website: concordiafrohna.org

Rev. Paul Hoemann, Pastor

Email – pastorclfrohna@gmail.com

Phone – 979.777.1138

Livestream Link for Worship Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdSeS0MS0CsRYhHuf1sZL8w>

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 20 & 22, 2020

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Christ the King Sunday

Friday & Sunday, November 20 & 22, 2020

Hymn: “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*”

LSB 525

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed King of all creation. Unite all the people on the earth—now divided by the power of sin—under the glorious and gentle rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(God promises to shepherd His people directly.)

Pastor: ¹¹“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice... ²⁰Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²²I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a (Let us sing songs of praise.)

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great King above all gods.

Pastor: In His hand are the depths of the earth;

People: the heights of the mountains are His also.

Pastor: The sea is His, for He made it,

People: and His hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Pastor: For He is our God,

People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

All: 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.

Epistle

I Corinthians 15:20-28

(Christ's resurrection assures our own.)

Pastor: ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse (Revelation 22:13)

Pastor: Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,

People: the beginning and the end. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

(The separation of the sheep and goats.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come,

you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’⁴⁰ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’⁴⁴ They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’⁴⁵ He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’⁴⁶ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Hymn: “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

LSB 852

Sermon: “How Shall We Live? Mercifully!” Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LSB 802

Prayers of the Church

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: As we prepare to receive our Lord in, with, and under bread and wine, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(Moments of silence for examination and confession)

ALL: I confess to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, before almighty God, that I have lived as if I were most important. I have not regarded the poor and lowly with the dignity they deserve. I have not treated them as I would treat our Lord Himself. I have failed to return thanks for the daily blessings which our heavenly Father has given me. I ask God to forgive me and turn me toward the path of life and mercy He desires for me.

Pastor: In His infinite mercy and for Jesus' sake, from the foundation of the world, God has prepared an eternal home for those who believe in Christ. He alone is the way and the truth and the life. 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.

Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (*I Corinthians 15:20*), and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all whom the Lord God gathers, like a shepherd seeks out His flock (*Ezekiel 34:12a*), let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, confident that they shall enter the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world (*Matthew 25:34b*), let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "Thine the Amen..." (vv. 1, 3, 5)

LSB 680

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" (v. 8)

LSB 798

The God who reigns on high; The great archangels sing,

And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!

Who was, and is the same; And evermore shall be:

Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor: Blessed are You, Giver of temporal and eternal life. You spared not the life of Your Son so that we may live with You forever. As You promised to gather Your people of old, gather us together as one to celebrate Your presence among us. As You promised to feed Your people as a shepherd would provide pasture, so feed us now on the body and blood of our Savior, truly present in, with, and under this bread and wine. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei Hymn: “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” LSB 812

Distribution Hymns

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

“O Worship the King” LSB 804

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” LSB 532

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” LSB 711

Post-Communion Thanks

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We give you all thanks and praise, Lord our God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament. Be with us now, that we may live this day to Your praise and glory, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through + Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *(Hebrews 13:20-21)*

People: Amen.

Hymn: “Come, Thou Almighty King” LSB 905

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in Sunday’s Service

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| Greeters: | Tom and Sue Roth |
| Organist: | Barb Burroughs |
| Acolyte: | Lilly Roth |
| Elder: | Dennis Hecht |
| Ushers: | Chad Miesner, Jeremiah Kohlfeld,
Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler |
| Audio/Visual Team: | Troy Petzoldt, Donna Hecht |

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our worship today includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This holy meal is received in glad confidence, because our Lord tells us that He gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; those who trust His words regarding the Lord's Supper; repent of all sins; and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who do so receive the benefits of this holy supper and proclaim His death and resurrection until He comes again.

However, because the Bible (I Corinthians 11:23-29) also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an incorrect manner do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is professed at this altar (I Corinthians 10:17), we practice "close communion" at Concordia. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord's Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are respectfully requested not to receive the Sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing and are requested to cross your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have any questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?
2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent and treasures?
5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord's Supper in this church, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

This Week's Schedule

Tues., Nov. 24	12 p.m.	Bulletin Items Due
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Farrar at Frohna (No Bible Study)
Wed., Nov. 25		<i>No School—Thanksgiving Break</i>
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 25-27		
Thurs., Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING	9 a.m.	Worship
	After Worship	Door Offering for LCMS Disaster Relief (No Worship)
Fri., Nov. 27		
Sun., Nov. 29	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 108, one year ago – 183 (Sat.-56, Sun.-127); Adult Bible Class – 15, one year ago – 21

As We Gather: Our God is a merciful God. That means we don't receive what we really deserve from Him—eternal damnation. In the person and work of Jesus Christ, God has shown us extraordinary mercy. In response to that mercy, we live lives filled with gratitude and praise towards Him, and mercy towards others. How shall we live? Mercifully!

Something to celebrate: Last night, Claire Grebing married Richard Dunn of Perryville. We rejoice and celebrate with Claire and Rick as they said, "I do," and pledged their faithfulness to each other before God and his people.

Today is Commitment Sunday at Concordia. You should have received a letter and 2021 commitment form (on blue paper) in the mail several weeks ago. If you didn't bring the form with you today, you can drop it in the special wooden box in the narthex at a later date. 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. That wooden box will be prominently displayed throughout the year, as a reminder to each of us. Thank you for your participation!

After prayerful consideration, the Nomination Committee has put together the following list of people to serve in various congregational offices. The slate of officers will be presented to the voters at the budget meeting in December. The list includes: Board of Elders (4-year term)—Rick Lorenz, David Lichtenegger (alternate); Treasurer (4-year term)—; UCLS Board of Education (3-year term)—Suzy Barich, Robert Martin; Board of Trustees (3-year term)—Garrett Hemman, Kent Luckey. Please note, we still need nominees for treasurer! If your name is on this list, it is because someone believes you have certain talents to be used, for a time, in service to God's people at Concordia. Using such gifts is an important part of the Christian life. Please prayerfully consider this as you ponder the nomination. (Candidates who are unable to serve should contact congregational President Doyle Lueders or VP Hank Voelker.)

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Clifford and Kathy Stueve's 50th wedding anniversary.

"God with Us" Advent devotional booklets are available on the north buffet.

"The Voice of Missouri" (November issue) is available on-line at <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.)

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.

Please have all bulletin items for next Sunday's bulletin turned in by this Tuesday, November 24, at 12 p.m.

This Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, in response to God's mercy 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 mercy to us, let's also take this opportunity to show mercy to others, from the abundance of our blessings! (If you want to bring items before Thursday, that is fine.)

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

Order in the Order: Featured today is the **SANCTUS**, which means "holy." Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6) connects to the joyful greetings shouted when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. We greet the coming of the Lord with the awe of Isaiah and with the joy of the crowds on Palm Sunday, as we anticipate Jesus' real presence in the bread and wine of the sacrament.

Stewardship thought for the week: Matthew 25:44 says, **"Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'"** With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

The Concordia Wednesday Bible study group will take this week off before meeting again at 9 a.m. on December 2. (No evening class in December, due to our mid-week Advent worship services.)

Helping hands are requested to get Concordia Lutheran Church ready for Advent and Christmas. Decorations will be put up, and the Christmas tree decorated, on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 9 a.m. Many helping hands will be greatly appreciated as we ready for this special time of year.

Thank you to everyone that said prayers, expressed sympathy, shared kind words, and sent cards after the passing of Bob's mom, Judy Sears. Your thoughts are all appreciated.
Bob, Amy, & Carson

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.

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

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on October 22 are available today on the south buffet.

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.

Scrip is available from various retailers, including local businesses, in different increments through UCLS. Scrip gift cards can be purchased at face value and used at the retailer, with UCLS receiving a percentage back. Please order Scrip soon to give as a gift or for your own use. Scrip order forms are available on the south buffet. Order forms may be submitted by mail, email, or sent to UCLS with a student. Contact the UCLS school office if you need more information.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

The 32nd 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. To purchase tickets, visit www.lfcsmo.org/2020holidaytour or text HOLIDAY to 345345. If you have any questions, please contact Christy at 573-380-5277.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be tomorrow, 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 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.

“Light Up the Towns” lighting contest is being sponsored again this year by the East Perry Lions Club. The contest is open to all residences and businesses within the city limits of Altenburg and Frohna. Please look for flyers posted in both communities for more details. Entry forms are available at Gas-A-Mat, Peoples' Bank, Riverside Regional Library, and West End. Help us to **“LIGHT UP THE TOWNS!”**

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.

The Brazeau Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk, in Brazeau, originally scheduled for Saturday, December 5, has been cancelled.

The 16th Annual Christmas Tree Exhibit will be open through January 17, 2021, at The Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum in Altenburg. As the year 2020 comes to an uncertain end, we are looking ahead with a “Light to the Future”. Join us in looking forward with renewed hope for brighter days ahead! Stroll through the trees, noticing a “lamp” to light the path throughout the gallery. The exhibit will be open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”* Psalm 119:105

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, begin studying 2 Corinthians on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and finish Titus on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on *Concord Matters* this Tuesday, November 24, at 2 p.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

“This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: pardon from sin and release from guilt; peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet ‘the LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.’” (Psalm 126:3) *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

 **Missouri District News**

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a wonderful calling—that also comes with its own set of challenges. The Missouri District understands this and has made church worker health a key component of our work statewide. With more than 1,600 called workers, we’re pleased to offer confidential counseling through our Church Worker Care Team, assistance in times of crisis, resources, and more. If you’d like to know more about this important work, please contact staff member Rev. Marty Hasz at 573-979-2791 or marty.hasz@mo.lcms.org.

Weekly Devotions (Advent 1)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 712 “Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto
you!

Allelu, alleluia!

Bible Stories

11/23 -- M: Exodus 1:1-2:10

11/24 -- Tu: Exodus 2:11-25

11/25 -- W: No School

11/26 -- Th: No School

11/27 -- F: No School

Bible Verse

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1–2 (ESV)

Catechism

The Second Article and Meaning – *Redemption* – “And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.”