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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, September 18, 2020

Sunday, September 20, 2020

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Harvest Home Festival

Friday, September 18, 2020 & Sunday, September 20, 2020

### Welcome

Hymn: *"For the Fruits..."* (vv. 1-2-men's choir, v. 3-all) LSB 894

### Invocation

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

**People: Amen.**

Confessional Hymn: *"Forgive Us, Lord..."* (vv. 1-4) LSB 788

Pastor: Hear the Good News! God's forgiveness is not shallow! He decided, from eternity, to send His Son as one of us to die for the sins of all people. He daily and richly forgives us all our sins, for which it is our duty and delight to return to Him thanks and praise. 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

Pastor: In peace let us thank the Lord.

**People: O Lord, we give You thanks!**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us thank the Lord.

**People: O Lord, we give You thanks!**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us thank the Lord.

**People: O Lord, we give You thanks!**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us thank the Lord.

**People: O Lord, we give You thanks!**

Pastor: We thank You for helping, saving, comforting, and defending us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Hymn: *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* LSB 789

### Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your blessings, and serve You in willing obedience all the days of our life. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

*(God invites one and all to return and receive pardon.)*

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found;

**People: call upon Him while He is near;**

Pastor: let the wicked forsake his way,

**People: and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

Pastor: let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,

**People: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

Pastor: For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

**People: neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.**

Pastor: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

**People: so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27:1-9**

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

**People: my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear,

**People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after;

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

Pastor: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD,

**People: and to inquire in his temple.**

Pastor: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me upon a rock.**

Pastor: My head shall be lifted above my enemies, and I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

**People: be gracious to me and answer me!**

Pastor: You have said, "Seek my face."

**People: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Pastor: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,

**People: You have been my help, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

**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. Amen.**

### **Epistle**

*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

**(Paul urges a lifestyle worthy of the Gospel.)**

Pastor: <sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the Gospel. <sup>13</sup>As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the Gospel without fear... <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will

turn out for my deliverance.<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.<sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!<sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;<sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.<sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,<sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the Gospel<sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.<sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,<sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia & Verse (*Ephesians 2:8*)**

Pastor: Alleluia! By grace you have been saved through faith.

**People: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia!**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**(*Jesus teaches about God's generosity.*)**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

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

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ <sup>7</sup>‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup>‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them

equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’  
<sup>13</sup>But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup>Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (vv. 1-4) LSB 602**

**Sermon: "God's Generous Heart" Matthew 20:1-16**

**Hymn: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (vv. 5-6) LSB 602**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor + and give you peace. *Number 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" LSB 893**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

**Participants in this Morning's Service**

Greeters:	Mike and Cindy Barich
Organist:	Sarah Benkendorf
Acolyte:	Carson Martyn
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Zachary Word, Dustin Roth, Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France
Audio/Visual Team:	Troy Petzoldt, Pat Petzoldt

**This Week's Schedule**

Mon., Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	Small-Group Bible Study for Parents with Young Children (Frohna Park Shelter)
Wed., Sept. 23	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
	7 p.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
Fri., Sept. 25	11 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
Sun., Sept. 27	8 a.m.	Bible Class – "Stewardship Basics"
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

**Announcements**

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 100 (Friday-14, Sunday-86), one year ago – 163;  
 Adult Bible Class – one year ago – 27

**As We Gather:** One denarius—that's what each worker received in today's Gospel parable. It is a full-day's wage, even for those who worked only one hour. And for Jesus' sake, God generously gives us a wage equal to having lived a sinless life: eternity with him. That is unbelievably generous; conceivable only through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. We gather today, on Harvest Home Sunday, to respond not as we ought, but as we have been enabled by our generous God—with hearts full of thanksgiving and gratitude!

**Stewardship thought for the week:** Matthew 20:9 says, “**And when those hired about the 11th hour came, each of them received a denarius.**” Behold, the generosity of God! He gives not what we deserve to receive, but out of his grace. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and his generosity is surely one of the foundations of God's being.

**The floral arrangements** on the altar for today's worship service have been placed in celebration and thanksgiving of blessings on the 82nd birthday, observed today, of Marvin Petzoldt. Praise to our Lord from whom all blessings come.

**Prayer Chain:** The LWML-sponsored Prayer Chain will be updated. The chain of people on the Prayer Chain is not limited to LWML members. We invite anyone to put their name along on the chain, men or women. Please call Pat Petzoldt at 824-5912 or Helen Grebing at 824-5768 if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain.

“**Portals of Prayer**” (October-December) are available today on the north buffet.

**A major challenge in the Christian life is** deciding which master to serve. Will it be God or mammon? Jesus said that where your treasure is, there your heart will be found. In other words, your heart dwells on what you treasure most. Where is your heart? **Stewardship Basics** is the current topic for **Sunday morning Bible study at Concordia. It begins at 8 a.m. each week.** Please join us as we check our hearts!

**The prophet Zechariah has been called “the prophet of Holy Week.”** Come and see why as we unwrap the third and final part of this Old Testament book, chapters 9-14. You will be amazed and blessed! The Concordia Wednesday Bible study group meets each week at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Order in the Order:** The **PRAYER OF THE DAY**, or **COLLECT**, helps us focus our thoughts on the theme of the day, as we heard it expressed in the Introit, or as we will soon hear it in the appointed Scripture readings. In this brief, pointed prayer, we pray that what we hear and receive today will have its effect on our whole life.

**LWML Sunday** will be observed on October 4. On that Sunday, a collection basket will be available asking for free-will donations to help with the many worthy mission projects of **Concordia LWML**. Pastor Hoemann and Vicar Paul Rempfer, the LWML's adopted seminary student, will lead worship with a special service. After the service, a special goodie bag, compliments of Concordia LWML, will be presented to all in attendance. The “Mighty Mites” of the LWML, along with our motto “Serve the Lord with Gladness”, leads our ladies to achieve the many mission goals set before them. The LWML is asking anyone to be regular “mite” givers as well. These “mites” can be placed in a special wooden mite box, which will be placed in the narthex on September 27 and October 4. The mites are used to fulfill the mission goal sponsored by the **Missouri** District and **National** LWML. You are invited to grab a mite box to place in your home. All praise and glory to God!!! Thank you for your help.

“**Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.**” **Exodus 23:19** Good news...there are more ways to support God's mission at Concordia than just writing a check or giving online! As the fall harvest time approaches, farmers can give a portion of their harvest payment, or dairymen can give

a portion of their dairy sales to the Lord. Those raising livestock can donate a portion of the proceeds from their animal's sale to the work of the Lord. If you've recently replaced old equipment, you can donate the proceeds of its sale. Anyone can give a portion of their land or other real estate. The advantages of giving like this is that you can realize significant tax savings. These forms of giving to Concordia allow individuals to take advantage of charitable deductions, avoid potential capital gains taxes, and even establish a retirement income stream with a gift of property. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Carol Grebing-Duggan at 824-6060.

**A new small-group Bible study for parents with young children** will meet for the first time at 6:30 p.m., tomorrow, Monday, September 21 under the Frohna Park shelter. Led by Whitney and Garrett Hemman, the group will meet on the first and third Mondays of the month, focusing on God's wisdom in the book of Proverbs. If you and your spouse are interested in participating, contact Whitney at 573-768-4344.

**August Contributions:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – \$1,985.00, 9<sup>th</sup> – \$9,327.00, 16<sup>th</sup> – \$4,865.00, 23<sup>rd</sup> – \$4,587.25, 30<sup>th</sup> – \$6,312.00; Online Contributions (General Fund) – \$4,344.07; Online Contributions (UCLS Tuition-General Fund) – \$100; Church Supper – \$1,855.00; Other (Refreshments) – \$35.22; Saxony Lutheran High School Scholastic Fund – \$100; Door Offering (Chapel of Hope-SEMO) – \$218

**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 573-824-6060.

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

**Calling all bakers...please help!** The youth of Concordia and UCLS have been given an opportunity to run a concession stand at the Curtis Kaufman estate sale October 3-4 (Concordia LYF) and October 10-11 (UCLS). Their participation will provide some much-needed funding for the 2022 National Youth Gathering and the 7-8th grade Washington, D.C. trip. As any East Perry County estate sale goer knows, your homemade pies and coffee cake sell well!! Please consider donating some of your delicacies and deliver it to the David & Carla Braeuner farm by 8 a.m. Saturday, October 3, or to the multi-purpose room at Concordia the day before the sale, Friday, October 2. (Please be on the lookout for a request from the UCLS group, as they will likely need the same treats for the October 10-11 days of the sale.) We will slice them up and serve them to the sale goers. You can contact Tori Schuessler (824-5779), Carol Word (225-3514) or Carla Braeuner (768-4210) with any questions or to make other arrangements, if needed. Thank you in advance for the calories you'll provide!

**Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)** received just a shade under \$300 at its car wash last weekend. The youth say "thank you" to all those who gave so generously!

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

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** (appointments only) will be held tomorrow, September 21, from 2-6 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Altenburg.

**The Center for Life in Perryville will host its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Walk/Run for Life on Saturday, October 10, at the TG Trail in Perryville.** You can support this pro-life Christian ministry in a couple of ways:

1. Gather a team from your church to walk/run. Registration fee is \$25 per person. (Each participant who registers by September 26 will receive a free

T-shirt.) Walkers and runners may ask others who cannot participate to sponsor them, too. Runners and walkers can receive prizes for their level of sponsorship. Register at the center's website: [www.centerforlifemo.org](http://www.centerforlifemo.org), under the "Events" tab.

2. Serve as a sponsor for the Walk of Life. This is a great way to demonstrate your congregation's pro-life stance to the community. There are three levels of sponsorship: platinum, gold and silver. If you are interested in helping in this way, call Shirley Moore, executive director, at 573-883-2088.

**The LLL Men's Bible Retreat** will be held Friday-Sunday, October 23-25, at Camp SEMO, Wappapello. The program topic will be *"The Two Kingdoms of Church and State and its Application to the USA Today"*. Rev. Joseph Schlie will be the guest presenter. (Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.)

### **Missouri District News**

When the pandemic first began, Lutheran schools throughout Missouri quickly adapted to continue to meet the needs of students, families, and staff. We're all so appreciative of these administrators, teachers, and support staff members who continue shining the light of Christ in uncertain times. Please join the District in prayer this fall for our 50 early childhood centers, 50 elementary schools, and 9 high schools. Your work is making an eternal difference!

### **KFUO Notes**

**This week on KFUE.org**, study a curious theological question with Pastor Tyrel Bramwell on *Cross Defense* tomorrow, September 21, at 2 p.m. Study the practical application of our Lutheran confessions on *Concord Matters* with Pastor Sean Smith this Tuesday, September 22, at 2 p.m., and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

### **"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life**

**"The Adoption Creed:** 'Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.'" – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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### **Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 17)**

#### **Hymn of the Week**

#### **LSB 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"**

Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

#### **Bible Verse**

<sup>19</sup>*Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.*  
Matthew 15:19 (ESV)

#### **Catechism**

The Fifth Commandment and Meaning –  
"You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need."

#### **Bible Stories**

09/21 -- M: Genesis 17:1-11  
09/22 -- Tu: Genesis 17:15-27  
09/23 -- W: Genesis 18:1-15  
09/24 -- Th: Genesis 18:16-33  
09/25 -- F: No School