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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

If you are our guest, please fill out a visitor card (in the pew rack behind the Communion cards) and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. If you worship regularly with us and have a new address, a prayer request or a message for the pastor or the church office, you are welcome to use the visitor card to share that with us. Thank you!

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in our multi-purpose room on the side of the Narthex.

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 22, 2018

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

Opening Hymn: “*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*” LSB 908

Opening Versicles (Common) LSB 260

Old Testament Canticle: “*The God of...*” (vv. 1-2, 4, 8) LSB 798

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 2:11-22*

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Common)

LSB 263

Catechism

LSB 264

Ten Commandments

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn: “Praise Be to Christ”

LSB 538

Sermon: “In Christ, Everything Is Connected” Ephesians 2:20-22

Offering

Prayer: (Congregational response: Lord, have mercy.)

LSB 265

Collect of the Day

P: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

LSB 265

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

New Testament Canticle: *“Praise the One...”*

LSB 849

Blessing

LSB 267

Closing Hymn: *“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

LSB 921

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in this Morning’s Service

Guest Worship Leader:	Rev. Gary Hoffstetter
Greeters:	Rick and Patty Lorenz
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Rylee Kassel
Elder:	Alan Grebing
Ushers:	Jason Hecht, Rick Lorenz, Chad Miesner, Jacob Wunderlich
Audio/Visual Team:	Troy Petzoldt, Donna Hecht

This Week’s Schedule

Today, July 22	After Worship	Concordia Voters
Mon., July 16-		Pastor Benkendorf’s Vacation
Tues., July 31		
Wed., July 25		August Calendar Items Due
Fri., July 27	7 p.m.	Men’s Fastpitch-Frohna vs. Friedheim at Frohna
Sat., July 28	5:30 p.m.	Worship, with Holy Communion, at Immanuel, Altenburg
Sun., July 29	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We give thanks to God that Rev. Gary Hoffstetter is here with us today to share God’s Word with us. Hear the Word of the Lord.

A Word of God to chew on this week: ²⁷*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.* John 10:27 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

New Members?: Are you interested in becoming a member, or know of somebody who is interested in becoming a member at Concordia? Please contact Pastor Benkendorf at 824-5435 or revbenkendorf@gmail.com. He will gladly and willingly talk to any, and all, who are interested in becoming members of Concordia, Frohna.

Church Attendance: Worship – 186, one year ago – 223 (Sat.-85, Sun.-138); Adult Bible Class – 25, one year ago – 21

Concordia Voters will meet today after worship.

Pastor Benkendorf will be on vacation through Tuesday, July 31. In case of emergency, or need for pastoral care, please contact Rev. Frank Lucas (824-5636-office or 734-735-8613-cell) or Rev. Roger Abernathy (824-5728-office or 517-8756-cell).

Donations of cookies are requested for the American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the East Perry Lions Club, to be held Monday, July 30, from 2-7 p.m. in the UCLS Gym. Cookies may be brought to the gym on July 30.

Germany 2020 – *The Passion Play* will be presented in Oberammergau, Germany, in 2020. This play is presented every 10 years. Most tickets are sold through tour companies with very little chance of getting tickets at a late date. Nawas Travel has tours of 9 to 12 days arranged to Germany and Europe in 2020 to include *The Passion Play*, which lasts one day. For more information, please contact Bill Bock at 824-5875.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ – Many thanks for your support of the church's work in Latin America through me. Each and every one of you is a blessing and a part of the Body of Christ that God is using in a mighty way. I'm currently in Auburn, Nebraska, in the middle of one last support-raising trip before moving in with my parents until I deploy. It's looking like the date will be August 2 – let the countdown commence! Your Sister in Christ, Erin Mackenzie

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

A Back-to-School Take & Bake Casserole Sale will be Sunday, August 19, after worship. A variety of casseroles (each will feed approximately 6-8 people) will be ready to put in the oven or freeze for \$20 each. Proceeds from this LYF fundraiser will help members attend the National Youth Gathering in 2019.

Garden and Baked Goods Table – The LYF will have garden produce and baked goods available at the table each Sunday. (If you wish to donate something, please drop off your donation on Sunday morning before church. Thanks!)

The LYF is collecting aluminum cans. 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 with this fundraiser.

Got too much stuff? The youth group is accepting donations for a future yard sale. Please contact Gina Wunderlich at 573-837-3484 if you have any donations. Donations may be placed in the youth building. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of items if needed.

Are you having an auction, or do you have a family member or friend having an auction? Concordia's youth are looking to do concession stands for auctions in the area. Please contact Gina Wunderlich at 573-837-3484 if you would like the youth to do a concession stand.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

St. Paul Lutheran School students will sing "God Bless America" on the field at Busch Stadium this Friday, July 27, at 7:15 p.m. when the St. Louis Cardinals play the Chicago Cubs. It's also "Fireworks Night", so there will be a big fireworks show after the game. Tickets for the game can be purchased for \$40 each. Seats are located in Left Field Loge near "Big Mac Land". Please call the St. Paul School Office at 243-5360 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Information about upcoming trips with Immanuel Lutheran Church Tour Group is posted on Concordia's bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Layton (547-4020) or Betty Bohnert (547-5134 or ronbet@brick.net).

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, we hear from missionary Rev. Jacob Gaugert about his service at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET) in Dapaong, Togo, on *The Coffee Hour* tomorrow, July 23, at 9 a.m. Finish the book of Ephesians and begin the book of Micah on *Thy Strong Word* weekdays at 11 a.m., and continue in the book of Acts on *Sharper Iron* weekdays at 8 a.m. Hear Christ for you anytime, anywhere, in worship, study, and song at kfuo.org. Have a question or comment? Find KFUE at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find KFUE programming wherever you get your podcasts.