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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

*The mission of Concordia Lutheran Church is to gather, teach and inspire
all generations to share the Good News!*

*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.*

Saturday & Sunday, November 20 & 21, 2021

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Hymn: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

LSB 686

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

People: the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. (Psalm 93:1)

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house,

People: O LORD, forevermore. (Psalm 93:5)

Pastor: Give attention to Me, My people,

People: and give ear to Me, My nation; (Isaiah 51:4)

Pastor: My salvation will be forever,

People: and My righteousness will never be dismayed. (Isaiah 51:6)

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

Pastor: Father of all mercy and grace. . .

ALL: do not look upon our sins, for they are many. We are stained with guilt from our works of darkness and from our failure to walk in the light. We have become spiritually lazy instead of wakeful; dull of sight instead of watchful; weighed down by the cares of this world instead of eager for our Lord's return. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, through Your Word, to move us to do Your will. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord Jesus died to purchase your forgiveness. He was raised again for your justification. 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: Oh, Lord,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Oh, Christ,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Oh, Lord,

People: have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise: *"This is the Feast"*

LSB 155

Prayer

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:4-6

(Pay attention, listen, look; salvation is near.)

Pastor: ⁴"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness

draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 93 (*The Lord reigns in majesty.*)

Pastor: ¹The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

People: ²Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Pastor: ³The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

People: ⁴Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

Pastor: ⁵Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

Epistle

Jude 20-25

(Keep yourselves in the love of God until the end.)

Pastor: ²⁰But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²²Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

(Be ever watchful for Jesus’ return with great power and glory.)

Pastor: The Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ²⁴“But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³²But about that day or

hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children's Message

Hymn: *"Once He Came in Blessing"*

LSB 333

Sermon: "Keeping Watch While Being Watched" Mark 13:32-37

Offering: *"What Can I Do"*

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

+ 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...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution/Hymns

"O Come to the Altar"

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

LSB 560

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

LSB 516

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821

Announcements

Postlude

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?

Participants in Saturday's Service

Pianist:	Debbie Lichtenegger
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Brandon Thurm, Garrett Hemman, Eric Barich, Jesse Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

Participants in Sunday's Service

Greeters:	David and Carla Braeuner
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Reagan Ponder
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Pat Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Mon. & Tues., Nov. 22 & 23, 2021		<i>No School—"Remember What Hasn't Changed" Missouri District Educators' Conference at Lake of the Ozarks</i>
Tues., Nov. 23, 2021	12 p.m.	Bulletin Items Due
	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary, Cape (Away) (C, B, A Teams)</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Frohna at Hanover <i>No School-Thanksgiving Break</i>
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 24-26, 2021		
Thurs., Nov. 25, 2021	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Fri., Nov. 26, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Sun., Nov. 28, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class ("One Christ, Many Creeds")
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 177 (Hunter's Worship-84, Sun.-93), one year ago – 108 (Fri.-18, Sun.-90); Adult Bible Class – 10, one year ago – 15

As We Gather: This is the Last Saturday/Sunday of the Church Year—sometimes called the Sunday of the Fulfillment or Christ the King Sunday. Today, the Word of God focuses our attention on the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come again "in clouds with great power and glory." (*Mark 13:26*) Waiting, watchfully, for God's mercy on that blessed day, the one holy Christian Church on earth keeps the faith. It remains in the love of God, patiently calling sinners to repentance and showing grace and mercy to all who struggle with doubt and sin. (*Jude 20-25*)

Something to celebrate: Bethany and Ethan Zoellner welcomed a daughter, Emelia Rose, into their family at 6:01 p.m. on November 15. Emelia weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and she is 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Praise God that mom, baby, and dad are all doing great!

Something to celebrate 2.0: Ten members of our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF), and a few young-at-heart members, donated their money and were able to purchase 12 jumbo jars of peanut butter, seven jars of jelly, 12 refrigerated cookie dough tubes, cookie cutters, and frosting to stock the shelves at the Immanuel, Perryville food pantry last Sunday. After shopping, the kids delivered the food items to the pantry and found out more about the services it provides for the community. Way to go LYF; you all gave us an excellent example of sacrificial giving which blesses the community!

Commitment Saturday/Sunday: Today, we are privileged to observe Commitment Saturday/Sunday at Concordia. In response to God's love, you are invited to bring both your offering and your commitment form forward, placing the offering in the plate and the commitment form in our special stewardship box. (If you don't have your commitment form with you, you can bring it another day or mail it to the church office.) In response to God's grace, with cheerful hearts, let us all be generous and faithful stewards in 2022!

Stewardship Standard: Isaiah 51:6b says, "For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ..." The things of this earth—the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that move us away from the Lord—are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves. They are the means to be used wisely, by God's people, to further the Kingdom.

"The Voice of Missouri" (November issue) is available online at <https://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/November-Voice-2021.pdf> (or mo.lcms.org and click "The Voice November 2021"). You may also subscribe to *"The Voice of Missouri"* at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy is posted on Concordia's bulletin board.)

Please have all bulletin notes for next Sunday, November 28, turned in by this Tuesday, November 23, at 12 p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship begins at 9 a.m. this Thursday, at which a door offering for LCMS Disaster Relief will be gathered. You are also encouraged to bring food items for the Immanuel, Perryville, food pantry that day and next Sunday, November 28.

Advent/Christmas Decorations: There will be a team of Concordia members putting up Advent/Christmas decorations both inside and outside our church building at 9 a.m. this Saturday, November 27. Anyone who would like to help would be welcome!

"Child of Promise" Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries may be accessed online by visiting lhm.org, clicking "Resources", then "Devotions", and then "Advent Devotions" (right side of page). You can then choose to "Read Devotions", "Print Devotions", or "Subscribe".

Advent Soup Supper: Lutheran Youth Fellowship would like to invite the congregation to a soup supper from 4:45-6:45 p.m., Wednesday, December 1, in the UCLS Gym. This meal is designed to ease the rush of feeding the family while still making it to the first Advent Mid-Week Service at 7 p.m. Several kinds of soup, grilled-cheese sandwiches, crackers, lemonade, and maybe a cookie or two, are on the menu. A free-will offering will be gathered to benefit LYF as it prepares to go to Houston for the 2022 National Youth Gathering.

Advent Mid-Week Services begin on Wednesday, December 1, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. We will also have services at those times on December 8 and 15. The theme for this year is "It's about Time!".

Children's Christmas Eve Service Rehearsals: Practice for all the Concordia children, ages 3-8th grade, will be held in the sanctuary this year. Practice will happen immediately after worship on Sunday, December 5, and Sunday, December 19. However, on Sunday, December 12, it will be held in Mrs. Lichtenegger's UCLS classroom. If you know you will not be participating in the Christmas Eve Service, please contact her at uclsdebbie@gmail.com or 824-5588. Also, we need some parent volunteers to help with the service. Please contact her if you can serve in this way.

Altar Guild—The current Altar Guild is asking for helpers. The volunteer job would involve working with a teammate to change altar paraments and other care of altar elements. It could involve maybe being on the rotation schedule three to four times per year. Please contact Cindy Barich or Kathy Stueve to sign up or for more information. Thank you so much for considering helping this group beautify our church.

After prayerful consideration, the Nomination Committee has put together the following list of candidates 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): Nathan Best, Kevin Steffens; Secretary (4-year term): Diane Petzoldt, Joyce Theiss; Board of Trustees (3-year term): Jason Hecht, Nick Luckey; UCLS Board of Education (2-year term): Adam Hoehne, Robert Martin; Financial Secretary (3-year term): Jenny France. 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 Vice President Hank Voelker.)

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

UCLS is seeking synodically-trained candidates to fill a full-time, classroom teacher position. Successful candidates would be required to join one of our association congregations. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the following information to Miss Honoree or the UCLS school office: full name, phone number, email address (if known), and address.

As you begin your holiday shopping, or if you are just shopping for yourself, don't forget to get a Scrip gift card from United in Christ Lutheran School. Order and purchase a Scrip gift card and a portion of the proceeds go to UCLS for the Accelerated Reader Program. A Scrip order form is available on the south buffet in Concordia's narthex.

Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes

The Lutheran Heritage Center will present the video "Fearless - The Story of Captain Ray Littge", today, November 21, at 6 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Altenburg. A free-will donation will be accepted for this event. Hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Please join us for the evening as we honor our local hometown hero!

The Lutheran Heritage Center presents its 17th Annual Christmas Tree Display--"The Gift of Heritage". God's Word is our Great Heritage! We have been blessed with a gift of expansion for our future while still appreciating our past! A "gift" will be hidden within each tree for you to "find/notice" as you stroll through the trees which are representing our past, present, and future! The 45 themed trees are on display through January 15, 2022. The Lutheran Heritage Center is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week! Come and celebrate this most blessed season with us!

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

The 33rd Annual Holiday Home Tour virtual experience, hosted by Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri, will begin Saturday, December 11. The virtual tour will guide you through six festively decorated homes and feature decorating tips and tricks with Cindy Buchheit of Unique Ambiance. Your \$25 ticket purchase automatically includes a chance to win a fully-decorated 7 ½ foot Christmas tree on display at Heartland Custom Flooring or a gift basket full of holiday cheer on display at Patrick Furniture (both on display through Friday, December 10). Tickets can be purchased by check or cash at one of the following ticket outlets: Heartland Custom Flooring or Patrick Furniture. To purchase tickets by credit card, visit lfcsmo.org/2021-tour or text HOMETOUR to 50155. If you have any questions, please call Christy at 573-380-5277.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 1, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. in the Hanover Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2949 Perryville Rd, Cape Girardeau. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HanoverLutheran to schedule an appointment. (Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.)

The Brazeau Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk will be Saturday, December 4, from 3-8 p.m. This event will include a craft fair in the hall, a Christmas Sing-Along at the church from 5-7 p.m., a live nativity, a s'mores hut, food at Aunt Carrie's Tea House, and Letters to Santa at the post office. The entire village will be decorated, and the winery will be open late with a firepit area on the patio. Monetary donations are appreciated and will go towards the Brazeau Historical Society for upkeep on the buildings.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin studying Song of Songs on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), study Ezekiel 44-46 on *Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman"* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and hear special guests during *Midday Moments* (weekdays at 12:30 p.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio App!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"We pray for God's light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God's Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29)." *Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Sermon Notes