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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.*

Sunday, August 25, 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

LSB 876

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

People: Who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 124:8*)

Pastor: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.
(*Psalm 130:3-4*)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as his people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner! (*Luke 18:13*)

(A moment of silence for self-examination and confession)

ALL: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake, forgives you all your sins. 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"

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Prayer

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 (*Remember your Creator!*)

Lector: ¹ Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"—² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; ³ when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim; ⁴ when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; ⁵ when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the

streets. ⁶Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, ⁷and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:50-58 (*Listen, a mystery!*)

Lector: ⁵⁰I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel: John 3:27-36 (*The Baptizer’s testimony*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ²⁷To this John replied, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ ²⁹The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰He must become greater; I must become less. ³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474

Sermon: "CREDO: I believe...in eternal life."

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

(Please sign the attendance sheet in the red booklet as it comes to you.)

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Dear Heavenly Father, with great joy we return to you a portion of all that you have entrusted to us. Use these offerings for the growth of your kingdom.

People: We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray for those who do not yet know the joy of sins forgiven.

People: By your Holy Spirit, open their hearts and minds to believe the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and join his Church through holy Baptism.

Pastor: We pray, Lord Jesus, for ourselves and the Church around the world.

People: Thanks to you, gracious Lord. You have given us great joy in knowing you as our Savior. Strengthen us so that our lives conform to your commands, serving you in joy.

Pastor: We pray, almighty God, for the nations of the world.

People: Wherever people are oppressed, denied justice, live in fear, or suffer from calamity, raise up compassionate leaders, awaken relief agencies around the world, and provide whatever is needed to bring them hope and joy.

Pastor: We pray, almighty God, for those who go into harm's way, for our sake.

People: With your mighty hand, protect our Armed Forces; those who provide security in our communities; all who serve in police, fire, and medical services. Help them to use the talents and courage you have given them for the common good.

Pastor: We pray for all in need of healing...And we pray for all others who call out to you in distress...

People: According to your gracious plan, restore them to health; surround them with consoling family and friends; and move them to always rejoice in your mercy and grace.

Pastor: We pray for those celebrating a birthday this week...Lord, may they find great joy in knowing that you chose them to be your child and move them to celebrate another year of blessings from you. And for those celebrating a wedding anniversary...may Jesus continue to be the joy and foundation of their wedded walk together. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

+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 proper...evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208

Prayer of Thanks

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

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

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

The Distribution

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

Post-Communion Thanks

LSB 212

Blessing

Song: "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, 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 by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have 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 congregation, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Today's Service

Greeters: Dennis and Diane Leimbach
 Lector: Tammy Petzoldt
 Organist: Barb Burroughs
 Acolyte: Eva Williamson
 Elder: Tony Scholl
 Ushers: Ben Grebing, Earl Petzoldt, Cody Braeuner, Dwayne Roth
 Audio/Visual Team: Jesse Grebing, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Mon., Aug. 26, 2024		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Tues., Aug. 27, 2024	6 p.m.	UCLS Board of Education training
Wed., Aug. 28, 2024	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
Thurs., Aug. 29, 2024	Noon	Bulletin items due
Sun., Sept. 1, 2024	8 a.m.	Bible Study (The Apostles' Creed)
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After worship	Refreshments and fellowship
	2 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-201 (Sat.-78, Sun.-90, Online-33), one year ago-178 (Sat.-60, Sun.-118); Bible Class-5

As We Gather: Today is week 8 of "CREDO: I Believe!" In the Apostles' Creed, we boldly profess our hope of eternal life when we die, and the resurrection of our body, which will happen on the Last Day, the day of Jesus' 2nd coming. Our certainty is based not on what we have done, but on God's sure and certain promises, which have all been answered "Yes!" in Jesus Christ. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Mark 7:11 says, "**But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, 'Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban,' (that is, given to God).'**" Each of our vocations—in the home, in the congregation, or in society—has a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our congregations, and our communities, each in the proper proportion.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: With the **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**, we remember the first time that Jesus Christ took the bread and wine of the Passover and gave them the meaning that makes this sacrament so central to our worship. The pastor says these same words over the bread and wine as consecration of our eating and drinking. Jesus becomes truly present for us here.

Did you know...if you are 70 ½ 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 a 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

Concordia LYF is continuing to collect 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 supporting our youth!

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

You are invited to Saxony Lutheran High School's groundbreaking ceremony for its new Agriculture Science Multipurpose Building at 9 a.m., Friday, August 30.

Neighboring Church and Community Notes

A 50th anniversary open house in celebration of Rev. Barry Pfanstiel's ordination will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, September 1, at Eisleben Lutheran Church, Scott City. Sandwiches and desserts will be served. If you are unable to attend, you can send a card of congratulations to: Rev. Barry Pfanstiel, C/O Eisleben Lutheran Church, 432 Lutheran Lane, Scott City, MO 63780.

Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown, picnic begins at 4 p.m., Saturday, September 7. Fried fish, pulled pork, nachos, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, French fries, curly fries, German potato salad, homemade pie, ice cream, and drinks will be available for purchase. The picnic will include toys and games. A washers tournament will begin at 4:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by Country Mile from 6-10 p.m.

A benefit supper, with fish and all the trimmings, will be 4-7 p.m., Sunday, September 8, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds, Altenburg. A free-will donation will be accepted for the meal, with proceeds to be divided between the Altenburg and Cape Zone LLL Scholarship Fund, United in Christ Lutheran School, Immanuel Lutheran School, and Saxony Lutheran High School. The meal, sponsored by the Altenburg and Cape Zone LLL, will be drive-through. Tables will be available for eating under the pavilion.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be 1:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, September 9, at Hanover Lutheran Church, 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.

The Center for Life is hosting a movie night at 7 p.m., Saturday, September 21, at Hope Church, Ste. Genevieve. A feature-length documentary, "**Unthinkable**", is the shocking expose of the abortion industry's dirtiest secrets. This is a follow-up to Abby Johnson's movie "Unplanned", highlighting her journey in and out of the abortion industry. Admission is free, but you are invited to make a free-will offering to support the Center for Life and expand the reach of the movie.

The Ste. Genevieve and Perryville Center for Life is looking to hire a new executive director. If you or someone you know is interested, go to centerforlifemo.org to get more information, or call 573-547-3800.

Mark your calendar for the LLL Men's Bible retreat at Camp SEMO, Wappapello, Friday-Sunday, October 25-27.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Psalm 119 on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); begin studying Amos on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays); and continue hearing stories on KFUE Radio's 100-year history on *The Coffee Hour* (9 a.m. weekdays). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app. Find more about the 100th Anniversary celebration at kfue.org/100.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of ‘the compassionate relief of suffering’ or ‘death with dignity’ or ‘right to health care’ or ‘simple medical procedure.’ You know many more. God calls us to confront these with his truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in his truth, so they do not end up ‘possessed’ by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through his Word of truth and grace.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Week: 2	Hymn of the Week: LSB 808 “O Sing to the Lord” O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
Sunday: Pentecost 15	
<u>Bible Stories</u> 08/26 -- M: Leviticus 1:1-13 08/27 -- Tu: Leviticus 5:1-6 08/28 -- W: Leviticus 5:17-6:7 08/29 -- Th: Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24 08/30 -- F: Leviticus 10:1-7	<u>Bible Verse</u> <i>⁴⁵The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (ESV)</i>
<u>Catechism</u> The 3rd Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <i>What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and his Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</i>	