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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 27, 2023

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

LSB 909

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God has promised to protect and defend the Church so that Satan and hell have no power over us. Although many forces rally against Christ's Church from the outside, there is a significant battle going on within each of us, too. In light of that truth, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, seeking his forgiveness, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: we confess that we have not trusted your promises completely. We have neglected your Word. We have ignored the tenets of your Law and diminished the importance of your Gospel. In your mercy, call us back to the Rock of our faith.

Pastor: Through Isaiah, God has proclaimed that his salvation is complete and eternal. Have no fear!

People: We confess that we have not offered to your service all that we are and have. In your mercy, renew our hearts and minds so that we will serve you in joy and gratitude.

Pastor: Through St. Paul, God reminds us that we are united in faith within the Body of Christ. Have no fear!

People: We confess that we have let our faith wane. We have let evil surround us and magnify our fears. In your mercy, assure us again that your Son, Jesus, is the Christ.

Pastor: Jesus promised Peter that the gates of hell cannot prevail against his Church. Have no fear! 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.

Hymn: *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

LSB 735

Prayer

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6 (*Look to the Rock!*)

Lector: ¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were cut, to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him, he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in

her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴Listen 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.

Hymn: “Built on the Rock” (v. 1)

LSB 645

Epistle: Romans 11:33–12:8 (True and proper worship)

Lector: ³³Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? ³⁵Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them? ³⁶For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. ^{12:1}Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “Built on the Rock” (v. 2)

LSB 645

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 (Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Built on the Rock” (vv. 3-5)

LSB 645

Sermon: “Who Do You Say that I Am?” Matthew 16:13-20

The Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

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.

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Dear Lord, accept these offerings, symbols of all that you so richly provide us. Move us to use your gifts, according to the grace given to us (*Romans 12:6*), in service to you and one another, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen... Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,

People: protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one, even to the gates of hell. [Matthew 16:18]

Pastor: Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O Lord,

People: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge your authority in gratitude and praise. [Psalm 138:4]

Pastor: Wherever your people are straying from your Word and will, O Lord,

People: arm your servants with your mighty Gospel and cause them again to confess you as the Christ, the Son of the living God. [Matthew 16:16]

Pastor: Whenever we fail to use the gifts you have given us, O Lord,

People: turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that you provide within the Body of Christ. [Romans 12:5]

Pastor: Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to your power and glory, O Lord,

People: remind us again of the depth of your riches, wisdom, and knowledge.
[Romans 11:33]

Pastor: Wherever people are in mourning, or in ill health, or without food or shelter, or in any other kind of distress or anxiety, O Lord,

People: visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in your mercy. Fulfill your purpose for them. *[Psalm 138:8]*

Pastor: We remember before you especially... O Lord, who is the Rock of our confession, hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake...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 Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Peace of the Lord

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

People: And also with you. Amen!

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution/Hymns

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

LSB 848

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

LSB 631

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 211

Post-Communion Thanks

Blessing

Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB 802

Announcements & Postlude

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: Mike and Cindy Barich
Lector: Whitney Hemman
Organist: Barb Burroughs
Acolyte: Brynnly Scholl
Elder: Rick Lorenz
Ushers: Dalton France, Ben Grebing,
Adam Hoehne, Earl Petzoldt
Audio/Visual Team: Troy Petzoldt, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, Aug. 27, 2023	After Worship	Board of Evangelism
Mon., Aug. 28, 2023		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Wed., Aug. 30, 2023	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Esther)
	4:15 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann at Trinity, Friedheim, confirmation class
Thurs., Aug. 31, 2023	Noon	Bulletin items due
Sun., Sept. 3, 2023	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
(Rev. Ken Sievers, guest worship leader)	After Worship	Special Voters' meeting
	After Worship	Refreshments and fellowship A.C.T.S. collecting food bags

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 178 (Sat.-60, Sun.-118), one year ago – 180 (Sat.-69, Sun.-111)

As We Gather: Today, “**8 Questions God Can’t Answer**” concludes, as we consider Jesus’ question from Matthew 16:13-20, “Who do you say that I am?” Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Did you know:

1. God calls the Church to make disciples; he calls the family to raise disciples? (*Matthew 28:18-20; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Ephesians 6:1-4*)

2. That on Saturday, October 7, you have a fantastic opportunity—whether you're a parent, grandparent, or even newlyweds who hope to be parents someday—to better equip yourself to pass on the Christian faith to your children or grandchildren? “**Passing the Promise**” will be held 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Hanover Lutheran Church, 2949 Perryville Rd., Cape Girardeau. Lunch and childcare will be provided, and there is no cost to you to attend this event. **Presenter is Dr. Mart Thompson of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.** The goal for this day is to help you, as a parent or grandparent, to better do what God has called and gifted you to do: to make your home a place where disciples are nurtured. This aligns with one of our congregation's core values: **Christian education--training our children to know and love the Lord.** To register, e-mail passingthepromise@hanoverlutheran.com by October 2.

Today is the last Sunday we are collecting a door offering for the Chapel of Hope, the LCMS campus ministry at Southeast Missouri State University. Please be generous in your support of this important ministry.

“*The Voice of Missouri*” (August issue) is available on-line at <https://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/August-Voice-2023.pdf>. You may also subscribe to “*The Voice of Missouri*” at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>.

Pastor Hoemann and Amy will be on vacation August 31-September 10. If you have need for pastoral assistance during that time, please contact Pastor Frank Lucas at 734-735-8613.

Harvest Home Sunday is Sept 17! We thank and praise God for the bountiful harvest he richly bestowed on us this year. The Concordia LWML would like to decorate our sanctuary with some of that bounty. If you are willing, please bring flowers, produce, canned goods, etc., to the church building in time for the decorating, which will happen September 14. If you do not want your items back, please let Amy Hoemann or Kathy Schlichting know. They will arrange for those items to be shared with others who would appreciate them. Otherwise, make sure to take your items home with you after worship on Sunday, September 17. Thank you!

If you are a Thrivent member, you can now direct your CHOICE dollars to Concordia, with the intent of having them go towards the Hall renovation project. As you may know, all gifts given for the Hall project after August 1 will be matched by funds from our Concordia endowment, up to \$15,000. So, now is the time to direct your CHOICE dollars for that specific purpose. Go to [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) and direct your dollars yourself, or contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060, and she can do it for you. After that is accomplished, please notify our treasurer, Derek Miesner (concordia.treas@att.net or 573-576-7841) and let him know the number of dollars you have directed towards the Hall renovation.

<u>JULY - Per Service</u>			<u>JULY 2023 Breakdown</u>			
May Saturday Service	5/20/2023	\$ 2,810.00	Received by	Fund	Designation	Amt
Offering Plate-Sunday	7/2/2023	\$ 8,030.00	Offering Plate	General	Envelopes	\$ 21,400.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	7/9/2023	\$ 4,390.00	Offering Plate	General	Loose Change	\$ 2,155.75
Offering Plate-Sunday	7/16/2023	\$ 3,945.00	Offering Plate	General	Hall Remodel	\$ 2,200.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	7/23/2023	\$ 3,202.00	Offering Plate	Endowment	Capital Imprvmt	\$ 3,000.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	7/30/2023	\$ 6,378.75	Treasurer	General		\$ 19,411.65
Online		\$ 5,950.52	Online	Endowment	Capital Imprvmt	\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 34,706.27	Online	General		\$ 5,900.52
						\$ 54,117.92
					Average per Week	\$ 12,026.20

To meet our 2023 budget we need around \$9,038.58 per week

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.

Please continue to pray for the vacant congregations in the Altenburg Circuit: Trinity, Altenburg; Trinity, Friedheim; Immanuel, New Wells; and for our search for the next principal at UCLS.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (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!

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

UCLS students are selling mums. If you would like to purchase a mum(s), please contact a UCLS student, or call the school office (573-824-5218). The deadline to order is Friday, September 1.

Saxon Lutheran Memorial Notes

Pre-fall festival apple butter cooking will be Saturday, September 30, at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial. Kettle fires will be lit at 5:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to stir apple butter, fill jars, and clean up. No experience necessary. Come for an hour or the whole day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Fall Festival will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, October 14.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m., Friday, September 8, 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.

The Zion, Crosstown, picnic will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, September 9. Fried fish, pulled pork, and German potato salad are among the items on the menu. A washer tournament will begin at 4:30 p.m. Live music by East End Blend will be from 6-10 p.m. Toys and games will be available for the kids.

A Benefit Supper will be held 4-7 p.m., Sunday, September 10, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds in Altenburg. The supper will include fish and all the trimmings for a free-will donation (drive-thru only). The supper is sponsored by the

Altenburg and Cape Zone Lutheran Laymen's League. Proceeds will be divided between the Altenburg and Cape Zone LLL Scholarship Fund; United in Christ Lutheran School, Frohna; Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville; and Saxony Lutheran High School.

The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum will be hosting its 7th Biennial Immigration History Conference Thursday-Saturday, October 26-28. Sarah Schilling Ruhland, an executive with Anheuser-Busch who can trace her roots back to Perry County, will be the banquet speaker. The new ambassador at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Jennie Williamson, will provide musical entertainment. Visit the website, lutheranmuseum.com, for more information.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

Celebrate 50 years of LFCS serving Southeast Missouri! Join LFCS at its open house and 50th anniversary Honor Wall unveiling 4-7 p.m., Thursday, September 7, at the LFCS Southeast Office, 3178 Blattner Dr, Cape Girardeau. For more information, contact Christy O'Neal (573-380-5277 or Christy.oneal@lfcs.org).

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Leviticus on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Acts 22-26 and a special "Free Text Friday" on Baptism on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and study Church Ceremonies and Governance on *Concord Matters* (11 a.m., this Saturday, September 2). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"The rainbow is a reminder that God's grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until he raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God's amazing grace, and his grace generates your life of genuine gratitude." *Rev. Peter Sutzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 14)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 588 "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves! The Bible tells me so.

Bible Verse

²⁸*But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*
Luke 11:28 (ESV)

Catechism

The 3rd Commandment and meaning: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

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.

Bible Stories

08/28 -- M: Genesis 3:16-24

08/29 -- Tu: Genesis 4:1-17, 25-26

08/30 -- W: Genesis 6:5-22

08/31 -- Th: Genesis 7:1-24

09/01 -- F: Genesis 8:1-22

**Question 8: “Who do you say that I am?”
Matthew 16:13-20**

“Who do you say that I am?” It’s the _____ Jesus ever asked, and it will be the most important question for you to answer in your life.

We—the holy Christian Church—must always be ready to confess

_____ about Jesus in a _____.

Peter gave the correct answer: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!”

But...what does this mean?

To confess Jesus as the Christ means to confess him as

“_____.”

He was anointed to be _____

He was anointed to be _____

He was anointed to be _____

To live out such an answer means to place your

_____ into the Messiah’s care and service.

Do you desire to tell others how he has saved you? Do you want to honor him with your life, in response to what he has done for you? That’s what confessing him as the Christ is all about!