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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.

Sunday, August 2, 2020

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Hymn: "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

LSB 684

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters." *Isaiah 55:1*

People: God gives food to all flesh.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalms 136:25, 1*

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Good Lord, we confess our hunger for your grace and life.

People: And yet, all too often, we look elsewhere to satisfy our appetites, even though we know that it is only your Word that ultimately satisfies the hungry heart.

Pastor: We confess that we doubt your goodness in the wilderness of our sin.

People: In your compassion, forgive us good Lord.

Pastor: We look only to You for life and health and salvation.

People: Feed us with Your mercy, life, and love.

(A moment of silence for reflection and confession of sin)

Pastor: God says, "Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live." (*Isaiah 55:3*) Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Introit (*Psalms 105:39-43; antiphon v. 1*)

Pastor: ¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

People: make known among the nations what he has done.

Pastor: ³⁹ He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

People: ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought them quail; he fed them well with the bread of heaven.

Pastor: ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert.

People: ⁴² For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.

Pastor: ⁴³ He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy. Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

People: make known among the nations what he has done.

Kyrie

LSB 204

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Prayer

Pastor: Heavenly Father, even though we don't deserve your goodness, you still provide for all our needs of body and soul. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit so that we will acknowledge your good gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

(Compassion from of old.)

Pastor: ¹“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136:1-9; 23-26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD for He is good.

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who by understanding made the heavens,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who made the great lights,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: It is He who remembered us in our low estate.

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: and rescued us from our foes,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: He who gives food to all flesh,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. 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

Romans 9:1-5

(Adoption, glory, and God's covenant belongs to Israel.)

Pastor: ¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

(Jesus provides food in a desolate place.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: "O Living Bread from Heaven"

LSB 642

Sermon: "God's Heavenly Banquet" Isaiah 55:1-5

Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, Live-Giving Bread"

LSB 625

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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 upon you with favor and give you his peace. Amen!

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in this Morning's Service

Greeters:	Rick and Patty Lorenz
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Lilly Roth
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jason Klaus, Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Tues., Aug. 4	6 p.m.	Church Directory Committee Meeting
	7 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Wed., Aug. 5	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
	9-10 a.m.	Summer Psalms Bible Study at Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum (Psalm 103) (Rev. Paul Wunningham)
	7 p.m.	Bible Study (Zechariah)
Fri., Aug. 7	11 a.m.	Worship
Sun., Aug. 9	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 132 (Friday-21, Sunday-111), one year ago – 108; Adult Bible Class – 16, one year ago – 15

As We Gather: Welcome to Concordia! Usually, we hear the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000 during the summer months—the so-called long, "green season" of the Church year. This miraculous feeding emphasizes God's generous and daily provision for all our needs. But, this miracle also propels us forward to receive and confess Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, through the cross. Every day, he feeds us with a super-abundance of his grace and mercy. His Church continues to be that place of rest and refreshment, where we are fed with holy words and precious sacraments from Jesus Himself, for the forgiveness of all our sins. Jesus had great compassion on the 5,000, and he continues to sustain his Church with the same compassion, even in the midst of our complex circumstances and needs. To him alone be the glory!

During the Covid pandemic, Concordia will continue to offer a worship service at 11 a.m. on Fridays. The social-distancing precautions that we have been observing since mid-May, when we resumed in-person worship, will be in effect for that service.

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your thoughts, prayers, and by your visits – Rudy Dreyer, Dorene Grebing, Flora Kassel, Marie Katt, Arnold Lorenz, Tillie Luckey, Flora Oberdorfer, Judy Sears, and Vernon and Betty Steffens.

A newsletter from Erin Mackenzie, serving the Dominican Republic, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

Bible classes at Concordia have resumed! On Sundays at 8 a.m. in the sanctuary, we are into **“Stewardship Basics,”** a study that will rock your assumptions of what biblical stewardship is really all about. On Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., we are hearing the word of the Lord as spoken by the prophet Zechariah, sometimes referred to as “the Prophet of Holy Week.” And coming in September, a small-group study led by Whitney and Garrett Hemman will focus on the book of Proverbs, and how it relates to Christian parents raising young children. Talk to Whitney or Garrett for more information.

Stewardship thought for the week: Matthew 14:17-18 says, **“They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’”** When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that is exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

Order in the Order: Featured today is the **BENEDICTION**, or blessing. This week, we are to carry God’s name as though it were imprinted on us. And we, in turn, are to imprint it on all that we do, say and think. The world is to be blessed through our presence, and for this, we need the power and blessing of God. So, in the benediction, God imprints on us the name of the One in whom we live and move and have our being, as we leave the sanctuary and go out to serve our neighbor.

A Door Offering will be taken on Sunday, August 16, for the Lutheran Chapel of Hope, SEMO Campus.

Do you have a child who is heading off to college soon? If so, the church office would like to have the following information: student’s name, college or university attending, year of study, address at school (when available), e-mail address, and phone number. Please e-mail this information to concordiafrohna@att.net or drop it off at the church office.

Church Supper News: The 2020 Concordia Church Supper committee—Paul and Nancy Schmidt; Tim and Stephanie Schmidt; Tyler and Stacey Schmidt; Rick and Kim Scholl; Tony and Shandy Scholl; and Peggy Scholl—wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all who participated in the “supperless supper” that was held during July. In all, \$1,835 was received for the ministry work of our congregation. To God alone be the glory!

June Contributions: 7th – \$6,363.59, 14th – \$5,481.00, 21st – \$2,481.00, 28th – \$5,910.00; Online Contributions-General Fund (Members) – \$5,055.33; Online Contributions-General Fund (Non-Members) – \$130.26; and Online Contributions-UCLS Tuition Fund (Non-Members) – \$1,250.00

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 824-6060.

“Thank You!” – To say that the past few months have been turbulent is an understatement, but the steadfastness of the prayers and positive thinking you all bestowed unto this family provided an anchor amidst the stormy seas. The loss of Atlas is a pain that still agonizes us all, but with every setback comes a new position to move forward. With every time of darkness comes the opportunity to spread light, and your prayers provided the beacon of hope that guided our ship like a lighthouse to the shore. Because with every sadness comes a deeper appreciation for the joys that life brings, and Duke is the gift from God who never ceases to bring smiles to our faces. Your thoughtfulness has helped us clearly see the positive side of every pitfall and problem we've encountered. From the bottom of all of our hearts, thank you for taking this long journey with us, and our family will forever be grateful for the spirit of community that you have filled our hearts with.

Hannah and Justin Johnson, Daughter and Son-in-Law of Ralph and Jill Hoehne

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is collecting aluminum cans as a fund-raiser. 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 in sending our young people to the next LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2022 in Houston, Texas.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

TEN YEARS! UCLS is entering its 10th year! What a blessing you have been in helping our school to touch children with the love of Christ, each and every day. This is truly a mission “to train up a child in the way he should go, so that even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverb 22:6). God has blessed UCLS in many ways, and we praise Him for giving us 10 amazing years. **As we prepare to open our 10th school year, we are asking for your help.** In the back of church is a poster of an apple tree. Items that we need for this school year are attached. If God places it on your heart to help in this way, please consider taking one of the apples, purchasing the item, and placing it in the box provided. Only three apples remain. Some apples have items that are specific to our response to the COVID-19 crisis. And, of course, whether you choose to make a gift or not, please **keep us in your prayers.** Thank God for 10 years, and thank Him for our many alumni who have gone out into the world to make a difference in His name.

It is time, once again, to establish the coaching staff for all EPC Wildcat sports for 2020-2021. This athletic program is operated by United in Christ Lutheran School for its students and gender- and age-appropriate members of the community who attend school where no athletic program is available. The sports offered are boys' and girls' volleyball, cheerleading, and boys' and girls' basketball. All interested applicants, please contact Athletic Director Mike Engert by this Tuesday, August 4, at: 513-0698 or horns63732@yahoo.com. The sports most in need of coaches are girls volleyball at the C-Team level; girls basketball at the B- and C-Team levels; and cheerleading. Please consider using your talents to help teach these sports to our up

and coming youth. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the program.
GO WILDCATS!

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Grandparent Workshop will be Saturday, September 19, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Eisleben Lutheran Church, Scott City. The workshop will be conducted by Rev. Paul Short, and include Biblical insights and other resources of inspiration for grandparents, pamphlets of information for grandparents, and lunch. This event is free, and limited to 25 couples. Please call 573-264-2762 or email eislebenlutheranchurch@gmail.com to register.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, study Judges 14-17 on *Sharper Iron's* "Rebellion and Rescue" mini-series (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Study the scriptures in the August "*Lutheran Witness*" with Pastor Weslie Odom on *The Coffee Hour* this Friday, August 7, at 9 a.m., and study the "Epitome of the Formula of Concord" with Pastor Matt Richard and host Pastor Sean Smith on *Concord Matters* this Tuesday, August 4, at 2 p.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"If God does not remember your forgiven sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses his or her guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation." *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*