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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, July 25, 2021

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: "O Blessed Spring Where Word and Sign"

LSB 595

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

People: And His greatness is unsearchable. (*Psalm 145:3*)

Pastor: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,

People: and I will declare Your greatness. (*Psalm 145:6*)

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Gathered in the LORD's name, we now confess our sin in His presence and in the presence of one another.

(Silence for self-examination)

ALL: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and given His only Son to suffer and die on the cross for us and for our salvation. Therefore, 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.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you! Amen.

Introit (*Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: verse 5*)

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

People: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

ALL: 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.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Hymn of Praise: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

Prayer

Old Testament

Genesis 9:8-17

(God places the rainbow as a sign of the covenant relationship between Him and all flesh.)

Pastor: ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." ¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth." This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136:1-9

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: To Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: To Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: To Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: The sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: The moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever.

(Christ dwells in your hearts by faith.)

Pastor: ¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45-56

(Do not be afraid; I am here.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. ⁴⁷Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children's Message

Hymn: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

LSB 715

Sermon: "Where's the Typo?" Ephesians 3:14-21

Offering/Hymn: "How Wide the Love of Christ"

LSB 535

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

+Sacrament+

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (*II Timothy 4:22*)

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (*Psalms 136*)

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution/Hymns

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

LSB 716

“Be Still, My Soul”

LSB 752

“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”

LSB 754

Post-Communion Thanks

Benediction

Hymn: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

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 Today's Service

Greeters:	David and Carla Braeuner
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Madelyn Head
Elder:	Dennis Hecht
Ushers:	Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Today, July 25, 2021	After Worship	Voters
Wed., July 28, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study ("Staggering Love—A Conversation about Paul's Letter to the Ephesians") (NO Summer Psalms Bible Study)
	7 p.m.	Bible Study ("Staggering Love—A Conversation about Paul's Letter to the Ephesians") Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Fri., July 30, 2021		
Sun., Aug. 1, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class ("One Christ, Many Creeds")
	9 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 144 (Sat.-36, Sun.-108), one year ago – 61; Adult Bible Class – 14, one year ago – 10

As We Gather: Fear is the mind killer. It has the power to steal our joy, to distract us from our hope, and to enhance whatever current misery befalls us. We are surrounded by fears: for economic security, for the well-being of our family, for safety in our violent and contentious world, just to name a few. Today, Jesus speaks to us and our fears. "It is I," he says. And indeed, it is Jesus—in the Word that speaks forgiveness to our guilty hearts; in the water that cleanses us from the stain of sin and marks us as God's child; and in the sacrament that feeds us heaven's bread and salvation's cup to sustain our lives in Christ, both for now and forever. Fear is the mind killer, but Jesus Christ is the fear killer!

Something to celebrate: We now have 15 youth and 6 adults who have committed to attend the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston. Praise the Lord for such a wonderful response and ask the Lord in prayer to continue to bless our fund-raising efforts this year.

Stewardship Standard: Ephesians 3:20 says, "**Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...**" We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it, in fact, fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

Today, in the multipurpose room, there is a table of fresh produce, to which people may help themselves. If your garden is producing more than you can eat, feel free to leave your abundance on the table so that others might be blessed.

"The Voice of Missouri" (July issue) is available on-line at <http://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/July-Voice-2021.pdf> (or mo.lcms.org and click "The Voice July 2021"). You may also subscribe to "*The Voice of Missouri*" at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy of the most recent issue is available on the south buffet in Concordia's narthex for those who do not have internet access.)

Our new 5-6th grade teacher, Dorothy Wiencke, will be installed during the worship service at Concordia on August 15. There will be a reception for Mrs. Wiencke and her family in the narthex immediately after that day. To welcome them to our community, there will be a collection of staples. If you'd like to bless them, please bring your contribution on August 15, or if you can't be there, drop it by the church or school office. Thanks!

A group of volunteer members of Concordia have kept our landscape looking nice since 2008, after the remodeling of the church building. This group has spent lots of time planting, grooming, and providing all sorts of care to the areas surrounding church and school. Would you be interested in giving a few hours a couple times a month to help our landscaping committee? Contact Jenny France, the coordinator of the committee, at 573-517-3273, if you are interested.

June Contributions: 6th – \$3,359.10, 13th – \$2,524.00, 20th – \$5,916.22, 27th – \$3,600.00; Online Contributions (General) (Members) – \$6,340.95; Online Contributions (General) (Non-Members) – \$215.78

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

For news from Saxony Lutheran High School, and information on upcoming events, please see the Saxony newsletter. A copy of the most recent issue can be viewed by visiting Saxony's website, saxonylutheranhigh.org, and selecting "July 2021 Back to School Newsletter". A copy is also posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Altenburg Public School (APS) is currently searching for a part-time music teacher. This position would include teaching K-8 grade students two days a week and planning the Christmas program and a spring concert. **APS is also looking for an individual who would like to work three afternoons per week with its preschool program** on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Mrs. Haertling at 573-824-5857 or 573-579-4098, or email your resume to aps48@altenburgps.edu.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the East Perry Lions Club, will be tomorrow, July 26, from 2-6 p.m. at United in Christ Lutheran School.

St. Paul Lutheran School, Jackson, is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Science Teacher** (part-time/full-time) - qualified candidate will teach science to middle school/junior high students
- **Music Teacher** (part-time) - 20 hours/week
- **Preschool Extended Care Staff** (part-time) - hours available between 12-5:45 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
- **After Care Staff for Grades 1-8** (part-time) - hours available between 2:30-5:45 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
- **Substitute Teachers** (as needed) - \$100/day to sub Preschool - 8th Grade classes throughout the school year

If interested in a position, please send a resume to Ms. Lisa White, School Principal, at lwhite@stpauljackson.com.

The EPC Lions Club Annual Chicken Dinner will be Sunday, August 15, with serving from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Altenburg. **The meal will be carry-outs only.** A free-will donation will be taken for the meal.

Due to the uncertainty of the Delta variant, and its presence in Perryville, the Board of Directors at the Perryville Senior Center has made the decision to delay the opening for congregate meals at the senior centers. It was a very difficult decision to make because we know how much everyone wants to get back together, but we will be overly cautious to protect our staff and seniors. Watch Facebook and the menu for further details. Thank you for your patience.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear a missionary story from Kenya on *The Coffee Hour* this Thursday, July 29, at 9 a.m., study Jeremiah 41-46 on *Sharper Iron's* "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study Nehemiah 9-13 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"We need to keep fueled up through Christian fellowship in worship and in the sacraments. We need to pray without ceasing and receive the peace in that special relationship with God. And then, we need to stand strong and boldly declare God's plan for life. We can't be timid, afraid to speak up or be noticed. If we don't share the truth, who will?" *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*