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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.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Pre-Service Music Provided by Concordia Men's Choir

Welcome

Hymn: "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*"

Verse 1 (*men's choir only*)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

Refrain (ALL)

Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Verse 2 (*men's choir only*)

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Refrain (ALL)

Verse 3 (ALL)

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

Verse 4 (ALL)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Refrain

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 142

(*A prayer of David when he was in the cave.*)

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

ALL: Heavenly Father, we come to You today, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all of our sins.

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him. When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

ALL: We come to You seeking strength when we are weary and relief from the traps of sin---its rebellion, arrogance, and disobedience.

Pastor: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains for me; no one cares for my soul.

ALL: Gracious Father, You alone provide safe haven in the midst of a warring world. Grant us hope and peace for life everlasting amidst strife.

Pastor: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

ALL: Almighty God, hear our cries for mercy; set us free from the sins that entangle us, and bestow upon us Your bountiful grace and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A moment of silence for reflection and confession)

Absolution

Pastor: Hear the good news; God has set us free! Jesus says, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (*John 8:36*) In dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus Christ has set us free from the bonds of sin, death, and the grave. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Response of Praise: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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Old Testament

II Samuel 22:47-51

(God is exalted above all!)

Pastor: "The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

People: Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!

Pastor: He is the God who avenges me,

People: who puts the nations under me,

Pastor: who sets me free from my enemies.

People: You exalted me above my foes;

Pastor: from violent men you rescued me.

All: Therefore, I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your name.

Psalm 67 (Make Your face shine upon us.)

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Men: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

Women: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

Pastor: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Epistle

Romans 13:1-10

(God gives us government.)

Pastor: ¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

(Give to government what belongs to government and to God what belongs to God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (v. 1-Men's Choir only) LSB 717

Sermon: "Mint Errors" Matthew 22:15-21

Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LSB 964

Prayers of God's People

Pastor: O God, you are faithful even when we are faithless. Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Guide us through the strains and stresses of life as our hope is anchored in you. Hear us good Lord.

People: Almighty God, you are our strength and our shield; we pray that you would safeguard all those who defend our nation from war, strife, and disaster.

Pastor: We praise and thank you for the men and women of our Armed Forces, and also for those who serve as police officers, fire fighters and other first responders. Be the strength of all those who courageously defend us from our enemies. Hear us good Lord.

People: Gracious God and Father, we pray for all in need of help and healing.

Pastor: ...Forgive the sins of all who repent and heal them from all their diseases according to your good and gracious will. Hear us good Lord.

People: Lord Jesus, you alone are the source of truth for all peoples and nations; we pray that you would encourage and sustain all missionaries as they proclaim the Gospel.

Pastor: ...Guide all those who vigorously make known your holy name, to the ends of the earth. Hear us good Lord.

People: Lord of the Church, the Creator of all living things, Redeemer of the world, hear our prayers that your Church may be sustained in this world of adversity and fear.

Pastor: ...Guide us waking and guard us sleeping, that we may remain steadfast in the one true faith. Hear us good Lord.

People: You are the helper of the helpless, the strength of the weak; hear our prayers for those who are weak or defenseless.

Pastor: Protect those who are frail, suffering in mind, body, or spirit, granting them peace and wholeness. Hear us good Lord.

People: All these things we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

People: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 23-25)

Pastor: The LORD has remembered us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, small and great alike. (*Psalm 115:12*) And so, the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

People: Amen.

Hymn: "God Bless Our Native Land"

LSB 965

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in this Morning's Service

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| Greeters: | Clifford and Kathy Stueve |
| Organist: | Barb Burroughs |
| Concordia Men's Choir: | Bill Bock, Dale Burroughs, Joe Koenig, Jeff Leible, Adam Lichtenegger, Nathan Lichtenegger, Darryl Peetz, Marvin Petzoldt |
| Acolyte: | Mallory Kohlfeld |
| Elder: | Bob Birk |
| Ushers: | Jason Klaus, Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk |
| Audio/Visual Team: | Amy Birk, Jenny France |

This Week's Schedule

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| Wed., July 8 | 9-10 a.m. | Summer Psalms Bible Study "Psalm 80" (Rev. Roger Abernathy) |
| Sun., July 12 | | Men's Fast-Pitch Softball |
| | Late Game | Frohna vs. Friedheim at Altenburg |

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 97, one year ago – 131

As We Gather: There are few things that are certain in life. It is frequently said that death and taxes are two of them. For those who believe in Jesus Christ, death and its grief only precedes eternal life with the Lord. As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for those who willingly laid down their lives so that we could live in freedom and establish a government vested with the authority to manage, propagate, and sustain our freedom. In order to do this, government institutions impose necessary taxes. These funds, in turn, support the governing authorities placed over us. No matter where our political allegiances fall, it is clear from Holy Scriptures that God has placed these authorities over us. The Apostle Peter wrote: "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority... Show proper respect to everyone; love the brotherhood of believers; fear God, honor the king." (1 Peter 3:13, 17) So, in the midst of political prosperity, despair, strife, or accord, we rely on God's mercy and grace for eternal life and know that in the incarnate presence of Jesus Christ, God remains with us forever.

For those who are not comfortable with a return to one worship service on Sundays, Concordia will offer a worship service for you at 11 a.m. each Friday. (However, there will be no services on July 10 and 17, as Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation those weeks.) For this service, when it resumes July 24, we will continue with the social-distancing precautions that we have been observing since mid-May, when we resumed "in-person" worship.

Stewardship thought for the week: Matt. 11:28 says, "**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**" Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus, we find a new purpose. His light yoke, which is no burden to bear, is a joy.

Order in the Order: Featured today is the **AGNUS DEI**, Latin for "Lamb of God." The words bring to mind John the Baptist's ministry on the banks of the Jordan River, declaring Jesus to be "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." It is a final prayer for mercy, without which we cannot live. Our desperate need is now to be ministered to directly in the eating and drinking of Jesus' body and blood, in, with and under the bread and wine.

"Portals of Prayer" (July-September) are available today on the north buffet.

Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation today through Sunday, July 19. In case of emergency, or need for pastoral care, please contact Rev. Roger Abernathy (824-5728-church office or 517-8756-cell).

Summer Psalms Bible Studies are being held each Wednesday through Wednesday, August 12, from 9-10 a.m., at the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg. Pastors Winningham, Abernathy, and Benkendorf will lead the studies. Bring your Bible. You may find a schedule on Concordia's bulletin board.

Church Supper News: The Concordia church supper committee has decided on a new approach for this year: we will have a "supperless" church supper. Yep, that's right; no delicious vittles in 2020; mainly due to the Corona pandemic and wanting to keep everyone healthy in East Perry County!

However, you still have a chance to make a free-will offering towards God's mission at Concordia. The committee is suggesting \$20 per family, but you may give however the

Spirit moves you! Simply place your cash gift or a check made out to Concordia Lutheran Church in the special green and white box in the narthex, or give it to one of the committee members, by Sunday, July 26. The committee members are: Paul and Nancy Schmidt; Tim and Stephanie Schmidt; Tyler and Stacey Schmidt; Rick and Kim Scholl; Tony and Shandy Scholl; and Peggy Scholl. Thanks so much, in advance, for your generosity!

A newsletter from Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte, serving in the Congo Republic, Africa, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

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.

Concordia LYF Notes

LYF is collecting aluminum cans. 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 with this fundraiser.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on June 18 are available today on the south buffet.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Mission Team (Jackson) is hosting a Rummage Sale on Friday, July 17 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.) and Saturday, July 18 (7 a.m.-noon) outside behind the old school building (Jefferson St/Oklahoma St). Items will be available for a free-will donation, unless otherwise marked. Items available will include baked goods, antiques, collectibles, furniture, floral, lamps, linens, light fixtures, home decor, dishes, knick-knacks, pots and pans, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, baby equipment, books, novels, videos, jewelry, lots of miscellaneous, and more. Please come to support the St. Paul Mission Team!

The Annual Trinity Church Picnic, which was scheduled for Sunday, July 19, has been cancelled.

“The Cow Tippers” play, which was scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 24, 25, and 26, at Salem Lutheran School Gym, Farrar, has been cancelled.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

“Today we thank God that he believed so strongly in freedom from pain, sadness, mourning, and death that he was willing to sacrifice his Son for us. So even as we celebrate with our ‘close’ eye, our ‘far away’ eye is longing for a better country—a heavenly one. ‘Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.’” (Hebrews 11:16) *Linda Buxa, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

KFUO Notes

Thanks to generous partners, the Sharathon exceeded its goal with over \$116,000 in pledged support. KFUE is grateful for this partnership. This allows KFUE to continue to share the message of Jesus Christ with millions worldwide. If you missed your chance to give during the Sharathon, visit kfuo.org/give.

This week on KFUE.org, begin studying the book of Judges on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Continue in the book of Exodus on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Worship with us in daily chapel services at 10 a.m. and live streamed at facebook.com/thelcms. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org!