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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, June 13, 2021

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

Opening Hymn: “*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*” LSB 577

Invocation, Confession & Absolution LSB 151

Introit

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

People: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Pastor: They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

People: They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

Pastor: to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 Reading *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Pastor: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

People: and his greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

People: and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

Pastor: ¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter. ²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the

smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed	LSB 158
Sermon Hymn: “For the Fruits of His Creation”	LSB 894
Sermon	
Offering: “Father, We Thank Thee”	LSB 652
Prayers of the Church: (Congregational response: Hear our prayer)	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:	
“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	LSB 637
“O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing”	LSB 635
“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”	LSB 533
“What God Ordains Is Always Good”	LSB 760
Post-Communion Canticale: “Thank the Lord”	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: “On What Has Now Been Sown”	LSB 921
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:	Hank and Katrina Voelker
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Reagan Ponder
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Brandon Thurm, Garrett Hemman, Eric Barich, Jesse Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Tony Vogel, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Thurs.-Wed., June 10-16, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Vacation
Mon.-Fri., June 14-18, 2021	8-11 a.m.	"God's Wonder Lab" Vacation Bible School at Trinity, Altenburg
Wed., June 16, 2021	9 a.m.	Summer Psalms Bible Study at the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum
Thurs., June 17, 2021	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Sun., June 20, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class at EPC Fairgrounds
	9 a.m.	Mission Festival

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 109, one year ago – 110; Adult Bible Class – 16, one year ago – (Covid)

As We Gather: Jesus teaches us that the mustard seed "is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:31-32) As we hear in our other readings, this parable is really talking about how the Word of the Lord grows from humble origins. And there is no better example of this than Jesus' public ministry. As he began preaching and teaching the Word—both Law and Gospel—people responded. Divine truth is revealed in the simplicity of his parables. They create and nourish faith, and people believe!

Something to celebrate: Currently, we have 14 of our youth committed to go to the LCMS National Youth Gathering next summer in Houston. Praise God for such a great response and ask the Lord's blessings as we continue to raise funds for this event.

Stewardship Standard: Mark 4:34 says, "**He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.**" How blessed we are to be his disciples! Indeed, the Lord has explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we so foolish as to disobey his Word? Our fight against sin and Satan is truly a struggle. But we receive the Lord's help in the work of the Holy Spirit, as he comes to us in God's Word and in the sacraments. So, let's fight the good fight of faith and grow up into his image.

Our guest pastor today is Rev. Bruce Ritter. Please give him a warm Concordia welcome!

Pastor Hoemann is on vacation until this Wednesday, June 16. If you need pastoral care, please contact Rev. Frank Lucas at Immanuel, Altenburg (734-735-8613).

Mission Fest 2021 is scheduled for next Sunday, June 20. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Stanish Stanley, who is the executive director of Christian Friends of New Americans, a relatively new Lutheran mission in St. Louis. Check out their website, cfna-stl.org, to learn more about their work. Dr. Stanley will be leading Bible class at 8 a.m. that morning, under one of the shelters at the fairgrounds.

Concordia's Church Supper will be Sunday, June 27, from 4-7 p.m. It will be drive-thru/carry-out only. Outdoor dining will be available (weather permitting). The menu will include fried chicken, catfish fillets, potato salad, cole slaw, a vegetable, and dessert. The meal will be \$10/plate for adults and \$5/per plate for children ages 6-12. Each Concordia family is asked to donate three dozen cookies. Cookies can be dropped off at the front doors of the school the day of the supper. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation, please give it to one of the committee members.

Summer Psalms Bible Studies are being held on Wednesdays through Wednesday, August 18, from 9-10 a.m. at the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg. Please bring your Bible. (Note: Summer Psalms Bible Study will not be held on June 30, July 28, and August 25.)

April Contributions: 1st (Maundy Thursday) – \$315.00, 2nd (Good Friday) – \$1,089.80, 4th (Easter) – \$7,555.00, 11th – \$2,645.00, 18th – \$5,775.00, 25th – \$3,684.25; Online Contributions (General) (Members) – \$5,819.76; AV Fund – \$300.00

May Contributions: 2nd – \$2,863.36, 9th – \$9,025.00, 16th – \$6,094.00, 23rd – \$3,227.00, 30th – \$3,705.00; Online Contributions (General) (Members) – \$5,560.76; Online Contributions (General) (Non-Members) – \$101.00; Door Offering-Lutherans For Life – \$195.00

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 573-824-6060.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Today, right after worship, our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) will hold its monthly meeting in the office house. If you are in 7-12th grade, please plan to stay and enjoy some food and fellowship.

Give your dad the gift of a car wash this Father's Day, June 20, at the fairgrounds immediately following the Mission Fest Sunday service. Enjoy a doughnut and coffee while the Concordia and Trinity youth groups wash and dry your car! Free-will donations will be accepted, if you so choose. Proceeds will help send our youth to the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Thank you!

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser. (Please, no steel 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 in sending our young people to the next LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2022 in Houston, Texas.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

UCLS is seeking synodically-trained candidates to fill a full-time, classroom teacher position. Successful candidates would be required to join one of our association congregations. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the following information to Miss Honoree or the UCLS school office: full name, phone number, and address.

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

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The next SCIPP Senior Lunch & Learn will be tomorrow, June 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Eisleben Lutheran Church, Scott City. This event will include a free lunch and Bingo. The speaker will be from Amick-Burnett Funeral Homes.

“Rainforest Explorers-Jesus Leads the Way” Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Friday, June 21-25, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day, at Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown. Discover that Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life in Him! Children ages 3 (must be toilet trained) to 6th grade (completed) are welcome to attend. Volunteers are also appreciated. Children and volunteers can register online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/GraceZion/19320> or call Angie Schupp at 573-517-8505. If you have any questions, please call Angie Schupp or email her at angieschupp@yahoo.com.

The Annual Trinity Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 18, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds in Altenburg. Serving will begin at 4 p.m. Pork steak or catfish fillet plates will be available, and will include German potato salad, baked beans, and a soda/water. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade pies, ice cream, and ice-cold refreshments will also be available.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Jeremiah 14-21 on *Sharper Iron's* "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Hear about 2 Kings 9-13 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and consider practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on *Concord Matters* this Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"It's a terrible thing to see any life that is used and abused instead of being protected and cared for. The value of life should not be based on the benefits it can offer. So we pray to the Lord to move all people to value and appreciate all life as God's gift." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*