



# *Concordia Lutheran Church*

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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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2020

## Welcome

Hymn: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"*

LSB 902

## Invocation & Opening

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise.  
(*Psalm 119:154*)

**People: Look on my affliction and deliver me.** (*Psalm 119:153*)

Pastor: Great is your mercy, O LORD.

**People: Give me life according to your just decrees.** (*Psalm 119:156*)

## Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**ALL: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment, now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.  
(*Philippians 1:6*)

**People: And also with you!**

Response of Praise: *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

LSB 793

## Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...Almighty God, multitudes of people do not know the redeeming love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. By the prayers and labors of your Church, and through the mighty working of Your Holy Spirit, lead all people to gladly hear and believe your Word, and to know and worship you alone through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

***(May the word of the prophet who prophesies peace come to pass.)***

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: <sup>8</sup>From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true." This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm 119:153-160

***(Plead my cause, redeem me, and give me life, O Lord.)***

Pastor: <sup>153</sup>Look on my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law.

**People: <sup>154</sup>Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise.**

Pastor: <sup>155</sup>Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek out your decrees.

**People: <sup>156</sup>Your compassion, LORD, is great; preserve my life according to your laws.**

Pastor: <sup>157</sup>Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have not turned from your statutes.

**People: <sup>158</sup>I look on the faithless with loathing, for they do not obey your word.**

Pastor: <sup>159</sup>See how I love your precepts; preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with your love.

**People: <sup>160</sup>All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.**

**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.**

### Epistle

Romans 7:1-13

***(The commandment is holy, righteous, and good; but sin deceives and produces death.)***

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone, only as long as that person lives? <sup>2</sup>For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. <sup>3</sup>So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man. <sup>4</sup>So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that

we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup>What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. <sup>9</sup>Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life, and I died. <sup>10</sup>I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. <sup>12</sup>So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. <sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel**

*Matthew 10:34-42*

*(Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>34</sup>“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—<sup>36</sup>a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup>Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Hymn: “When Peace like a River”**

*LSB 763*

**Sermon: “The Sustaining of the Mission” based on Matthew 10:34-42**

**Hymn: “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”**

*LSB 688*

## Prayers of the Church

Pastor: In peace, we pray to the Lord

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the perfect peace that comes from heaven above, and for our redemption in the perfect peace of Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for peace in the world, for the peace of the Church and the unity of all people who are in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of this house and for peaceful hearts in Jesus, hearts that bear His good fruit in their daily lives and bear the cross in humble obedience to him, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the growth of God's Kingdom and of this Concordia congregation, that we may faithfully bear witness to the peace that only Jesus can give, sharing his truth with courage as we live in the midst of great adversity and need, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For many who are sick, suffering and healing. . . We pray that God would keep them in perfect peace and grant them healing according to His gracious will. We pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who minister in the Church and all people under their care, that they serve together with peaceful hearts, to the glory of God, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For hearts that rest in Jesus' perfect peace, that we may be free from the fears of this life as we offer him our whole life with a grateful heart, and as we bear the burdens of the poor and needy, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace in our world and an end to all violence and oppression; for the preservation of peace in the places where the men and women of our Armed Forces serve; and for a united, peaceful people in our United States of America, we pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: ...Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## The Order for Holy Communion

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 salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

**Sanctus: "Holy"**

*LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for your love which made all things, and which has patiently endured with us sinners, who deserved only your wrath and judgment. We praise you for delivering up your Son to be our Savior from sin and to pay the price of our redemption. By his death, he has accomplished what our lives could not, and he has born us home to you in the waters of Baptism, that we might be your people again. By his resurrection, he showed forth the promise of our joyful resurrection. He has laid out for us the path of faith we should walk if we are to receive from him all that he has prepared for us and which we receive here in this Holy Supper, as a foretaste of the feast to come. Amen.

**The Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**People: Amen.**

**Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"**

*LSB 163*

**Distribution/Hymns**

**"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"**

*LSB 620*

**"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"**

*LSB 839*

**"O God, My Faithful God"**

*LSB 696*

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

**Prayer**

Pastor: Merciful Father, we cry to you for peace so that our troubled hearts and minds may rest in you and cast out all fear and anxiety. Help us to see Jesus and him alone, so that as we live our lives, we bear the cross and follow him to everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn: "All for Christ I Have Forsaken"**

*LSB 753*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 158, one year ago – 156

**As We Gather:** Today, we wrap up a four-week sermon series on the divine mission of the Holy Trinity. Three weeks ago, on Trinity Sunday, we learned that the triune God is the loving, sending God (The Great Commission). A week later, we learned that the motivation for Jesus' mission is his great compassion for people, which compelled him to come and save us. And, it compels us to take the saving Gospel to others. Last week, it was all about the content of the mission...we confess Jesus Christ, whatever the cost! And today, finally, we focus on sustaining the mission. We are glad you are here in God's house, to hear and receive his holy Word!

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

**Starting next Sunday, July 5, we will return** to our normal schedule. Bible study begins at 8 a.m.; worship is at 9 a.m. Here are some things to consider as we gather again, normally:

\*Anyone planning to attend should be symptom free and not considered "at-risk." If you are not feeling well, or you fall into the category of "at risk", or if you are giving direct care to someone "at risk", please stay home and participate in the worship service electronically.

\*Hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex. Please use it liberally before you come into Bible class and/or worship.

\*The hymnals are again in the pews, and there is a Sunday bulletin again. (The entire order of service will be projected, too.) Please do not leave your bulletin in the pew after the service ends. Take it home with you!

\*While we will no longer "rope off" every other pew, you are encouraged to social distance as much as possible. Remember, there is always plenty of seating available in the balcony.

\*Offering plates will be at the doorway for worshippers to use as they come and go. The plates will not be passed.

\*The ushers will continue to take attendance. We will not pass the Record of Fellowship booklets.

\*The government's guidelines encourage wearing a mask in public. If you want to wear one to worship, feel free to do that.

**For those who are not comfortable with that arrangement,** Concordia will offer a worship service for you at 11 a.m. each Friday, beginning July 3. (No services on July 10 and 17, as Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation those weeks.) For this service, 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:** Matthew 10:42 says, **"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."** The offerings you give to the Lord's work in his church go to supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and distribute the sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

**Church Supper News:** After much discussion and prayer, 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! Beginning this Sunday, June 28, 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. (Basically, you have a month to participate in the supperless church supper!) 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!

**Order in the Order:** Featured today are the **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**. We remember the first time that Jesus Christ took the bread and wine of the Passover and gave them the meaning that makes this sacrament so central to our worship. The pastor says these same words over the bread and wine as consecration of our own eating and drinking. Jesus becomes truly present for us here.

### **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** will be Sunday, July 19, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds in Altenburg. Pork steak or catfish fillet plates will be available (includes German potato salad, baked beans, and a soda/water). Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade pies, and ice cream will also be available.

**"The Cow Tippers" — another great comedy you won't want to miss** — will be playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 24, 25, and 26, at 7 p.m. in the Salem Lutheran School Gym, Farrar (newly air-conditioned). Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 6-12). Come join the laughter.

**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.

### **"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life**

**"The family is universal.** Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not 'socially constructed.' It is a precious gift." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **KFUO Notes**

**This week on KFUO.org,** continue the series on "Play and Mental Health" with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on *The Coffee Hour* tomorrow, June 29, at 9 a.m. Study James 4-5 on *Sharper Iron's* "Wisdom from Above" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and learn about our Lutheran doctrine on *Concord Matters* this Tuesday, June 30, at 2 p.m. Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org)!