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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

***The mission of Concordia Lutheran Church is to gather, teach and inspire
all generations to share the Good News!***

*The back pews are reserved for families with small children.
A nursery is available in our multipurpose room on the side of the narthex.*

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Dedication Sunday

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Hymn: *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”* (vv. 1-2)

LSB 816

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel reading, “The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (*Luke 19:10*) Lord God, we confess that

People: we can be lost like Zacchaeus.

Pastor: Lost in a world of greed, stockpiling, and hoarding.

People: So, we confess to you, Lord, our discontent with your provision.

Pastor: We acknowledge before your, Lord

People: our meager generosity.

Pastor: We lay bare to you, Lord

People: our plans to keep more and give less.

Pastor: We reveal to you, Lord

People: our unwillingness to trust your promises to us in Christ Jesus.

ALL: Forgive us, dear Savior, and make us bold and faithful stewards of your gifts.

[Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination]

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven through the blood sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. His resurrection is true. His return is certain. His promises are sure. His love is never-ending.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”* (v. 3)

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Prayer

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:5-10 (*Trust in and honor the Lord.*)

Pastor: ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. ⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: I Timothy 6:17-19 (*Don’t put your hope in wealth.*)

Pastor: ¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our

enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus repents of his sin.)

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham." ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Sermon: "Money's Generous Side" Luke 19:1-10

Hymn: "The Earth is the Lord's" (tune: LSB 802)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
Redemption reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year.
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your mission through excess and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give.
Extending your Gospel wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for these gifts that are yours.

Committing Our Gifts

Pastor: We pause, Father, in this moment of dedication, to reflect on what we have let go, and on what we have kept back; what we have given in the past and what we plan to give in the future. We reflect upon the overwhelming claim

you have on all we possess. Make us more faithful, more generous, more cheerful givers. We also join in thankful praise today to you, Lord Jesus, the giver of all good things.

People: Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee.

Pastor: Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

People: Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Pastor: Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

People: We bring our commitments to you, Father.

Pastor: Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

People: Ever, only all for Thee!

Hymn of Dedication: “Take My Life and Let it Be”

LSB 783

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

(Please sign the attendance sheet in the red booklet as it comes to you.)

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. *(Psalm 136)*

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

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

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

The Distribution

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Thanks

Blessing

Hymn: “God, We See What You Have Given” (tune: LSB 686)

God, we see what you have given. Signs of grace are everywhere!

All around are gifts from heaven—Gifts enough for all to share.

We are stewards of your bounty. Called to give as we’ve received.

And your blessings have been plenty. From the day we first believed.

We are stewards of the richness. That you send from heav'n above.
For in Christ, you gave up greatness. Humbly showing us your love.
In a manger—gift from heaven! On a cross—with love and pain!
You proclaimed we are forgiven. Now you send us in your name.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, Offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring, May we give as we've been blessed.
God of love, may faithful living, Be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving. Help us daily walk the walk!

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, 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 by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have 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 congregation, 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:	Clifford and Kathy Stueve
Acolyte:	Presleigh Martin
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Elder:	Tony Scholl
Ushers:	Ben Grebing, Earl Petzoldt, Cody Braeuner, Dwayne Roth
Audio/Visual Team:	Troy Petzoldt, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Mon.-Fri., Nov. 25-29, 2024		No School Teachers' conference and Thanksgiving break
Mon., Nov. 25, 2024	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann's day off <i>EPC Wildcats Basketball vs. Nell Holcomb (Away)</i>
Tues., Nov. 26, 2024	Noon	Bulletin items due
Wed., Nov. 27, 2024	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Frohna at Uniontown No Bible Study-morning study resumes Dec. 4
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 27-29, 2024		<u>No school at Saxony</u> <u>Thanksgiving break</u>
Thurs., Nov. 28, 2024 <small>THANKSGIVING DAY</small>	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Sat., Nov. 30, 2024	9 a.m.	Advent/Christmas decorating
Sun., Dec. 1, 2024	8 a.m.	Bible Study
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After worship	Evangelism Committee

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-122 (Sun.-65 in person, 16 online; Sat.-41), one year ago-163 (Sun.-72, Sat.-91); Hunter's Service-95 (84 in person, 11 online), one year ago-129; Bible Class-15 (11 in person, 4 online)

As We Gather: Today, we demonstrate our financial generosity through pledging a portion of our time, talents, and income for God's Church. Zacchaeus will help us as he shows money's generous side in Luke 19:1-10. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Isaiah 51:6 says, "**For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.**" The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, will all pass away. Someday, they will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends, in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: The **NEW TESTAMENT** reading, also known as the **EPISTLE**, is a reading from one of the apostolic letters that help us to understand how the first Christians interpreted and applied to themselves the life, death, and resurrection message of Jesus Christ, under the Holy Spirit's inspiration. From them, we receive instruction in applying the Gospel to our Christian life.

Prayers for the following, please: our shut-in members Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Tillie Luckey, Mahela Lueders, Jean Mueller, Flora Oberndorfer; for those in need of healing: Dale Burroughs; for God's blessings on the ministry of Missionary John Wolf and his family, as they share the Gospel in Africa; for Seminarian Blake Brockman and his family as he continues his studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; for the renovation work going on inside the Hall; for hurricane recovery in the southeastern United States.

Decorating our church building, inside and out, for the Advent/Christmas seasons, will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 30. Your service would be welcomed!

Sunday, December 1 marks the beginning of the Advent season. Our mid-week Advent services will be at 6:30 p.m. December 4, 11, and 18, with the theme "Savior of the Nations Come."

Concordia's annual neighborhood Christmas caroling will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 8. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall. Come and help your congregation spread the Advent/Christmas good news, that Jesus Christ is born!

Our November door offering will be sent to LCMS Disaster Relief, to help those in need of emergency relief. The free-will offering box is in the narthex to receive your contributions.

"Giving Tree" for LFCS: The A.C.T.S. small group is collecting needed items for Lutheran Family & Children's Services. Please grab an ornament, or two, or three from the "Giving Tree" located in the narthex. The tree will be up through December 1, and a collection box will be available through December 8. Thanks!

Please have all bulletin items this week submitted by noon, Tuesday, November 26.

The 2024 Nominating Committee has prayerfully put together the following list of people to serve in various congregational offices. The slate of officers will be presented to the voters at the December budget meeting. Treasurer: Derek Miesner; Financial Secretary: Amy Birk; Trustee: Kevin Martyn or Dennis Hecht; Elder: Kenton Roth or Kevin Steffens; UCLS School Board: Robert Martin. Candidates, please prayerfully consider this nomination to serve. If you are unable, contact President Jeremiah Kohfeld or Vice President Nick Luckey.

The banner displayed next to the pulpit today is the Altenburg Zone LWML banner displayed at the MO District Convention this summer in Independence. The theme of the convention was from Proverbs 3:5-6, "He will make your paths straight." As we journey through life, we know that through the study God's Word and through prayer, the Lord will make our paths straight, leading us to Jesus' cross and the salvation only he can give. The banner was designed by Colleen Steffens of Immanuel, Altenburg, and completed by Brewer Graphics.

We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support that was shown to us following Elaine's passing. Thank you especially to Pastor Hoemann for his visits with Elaine, for getting her to play the piano for the nursing home worship services, and most of all, his words of comfort at the funeral. Thank you to all who brought food and helped at the funeral luncheon, sent cards, flowers, memorials, texts, or called us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Stuart, Becky, Zach and Abby Ruehling

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

'Tis the season to earn! Earn on all your holiday shopping when you buy gift cards and shop online through UCLS's RaiseRight (Scrip) program. New this year... create your own RaiseRight account! With a mobile app available and instant access to your eGift card and reload purchases, you can buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight anytime, anywhere and have physical gift cards shipped directly to your home. Your gift card purchases (whether a physical card or egift card) generate earnings for UCLS that will be used for the Accelerated Reader program. You can also designate a UCLS family with which to share the earnings. A new feature allows UCLS to share 50 percent of a family gift card sales earnings to offset their family's school costs. Here's how to earn:

1. **Buy gift cards** from RaiseRight and use them to pay for all your holiday purchases. Every gift card purchase from RaiseRight earns up to 20% back!
2. **Shop online** through RaiseRight—log in to your RaiseRight account, click through to shop directly on a brand’s website, and earn upon completing a purchase.

Plus, you can earn extra by combining earnings! Shop online through RaiseRight, then buy a gift card to use as payment for your online purchase. You’ll earn both ways at once! (Pro tip: install RaiseRight’s browser extension to your browser so you can get earning reminders while shopping online.)

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

You are invited to Saxony Lutheran’s annual open house 1-2:30 p.m., Sunday, December 8. Student-led tours, time to meet faculty and staff, and hearing how you can join the Saxony family are included.

The Saxony Band and Choir Department invites you to its annual Christmas concert 3 p.m. Sunday, December 8, in the Gerhard Birk Gymnasium.

Calling all Saxony alumni! Update your contact information via email at alumni@saxonylutheranhighschool.org. Also, save the date, Friday, January 3, 2025, for a special Saxony alumni event. You won’t want to miss it!

Neighboring Church and Community Notes

The Friedenbergh Historical Society invites you to worship at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 1, at Hill of Peace Lutheran Church, Friedenbergh. A service of readings and carols, marking the start of Advent, will be led by Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink of Concordia Historical Institute. Music will be provided by the Immanuel Lutheran, Perryville, men’s choir. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the service.

The Brazeau Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk, hosted by the Brazeau Historical Society, will be 3-8 p.m., Saturday, December 7. Brazeau will be lit by more than 300 luminaries. Visit the live nativity and the craft fair; attend the Christmas carol sing-along 5-7 p.m. at the church; mail letters to the North Pole at the post office; go on an elf hunt; grab a bite to eat at Carrie’s Tea House; make s’mores with the kids; and visit the museum and winery. Proceeds will benefit the Brazeau Historical Society.

A ham-and-bean dinner will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, December 8, at Eisleben Lutheran Church, 432 Lutheran Lane, Scott City. All-you-can-eat ham and beans, fried potatoes, slaw, corn bread, dessert, and drink; \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (ages 6-12). Proceeds will go towards sending youth to the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: A study of the Psalms of thanksgiving on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); study of chapters 8-11 in the Gospel of John on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays); tune into *Concord Matters* at 10 a.m. Saturday to learn more about the Lutheran understanding of the sacraments. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“In spades, the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying, he chooses us as royalty. He makes us a part of his royal household! Man, are we blessed as his kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*