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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, October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

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Hymn: *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

LSB 904

Invocation

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: We now confess our sins to God our Father,

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Introit: Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; *antiphon*: Psalm 119:46

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

People: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

Response of Praise: *(by Concordia Sings)*

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849

Prayer

First Reading: Revelation 14:1-7 (*An angel proclaims the Gospel.*)

Pastor: ¹ Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the

elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. ⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28 (*We are accountable to God*)

Pastor: ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, ^[b] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36 (*The truth will set you free.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family,

but a son belongs to it forever.³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Creed (3rd Article and explanation)

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church, he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Children's Message

Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

Sermon "Does the Reformation Still Matter?"

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 singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

The Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Post-Communion Thanks

Blessing

Hymn: "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

LSB 658

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: Shannon Martin and Heather Kassel
- Acolyte: Presleigh Martin
- Organist: Barb Burroughs
- Elder: Adam Hoehne
- Ushers: Jason Hecht, Ethan Best, Kevin Martyn, Carson Martyn
- Audio/Visual Team: Amy Birk, Pat Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, Oct. 27, 2024 Reformation Day Observed	After worship	Evangelism committee
Mon., Oct. 28, 2024		Pastor Hoemann's day off
	6 p.m.	Family Discipleship meeting
Tues., Oct. 29, 2024	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball (Frohna park)
	6 p.m.	A.C.T.S. (multipurpose room)
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball-Frohna at Shawneetown
Wed., Oct. 30, 2024	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
Thurs., Oct. 31, 2024 Reformation Day		<i>Grandparents' Day at UCLS</i>
	Noon	Bulletin items due
Sat., Nov. 2, 2024	10 a.m.	Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center
Sun., Nov. 3, 2024	8 a.m.	Bible Study ("We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms")
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After worship	Refreshments and fellowship

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-186 (151 in person, 35 online), one year ago-114 (Sat.-65, Sun.-49; *UCLS students sang at Trinity*); Bible Class-12

As We Gather: Reformation Sunday is an opportunity to praise God for the gift of the Church. Our Lord promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church. At times in history, it has seemed as if the Lord's promise was in peril. But despite controversy, corruption, challenges from false teachers, financial problems, and all other things that continue to assail the Church, she remains steadfast, offering the Gospel and the life-giving sacraments. Though sometimes weak and assailed, the Church lives by God's grace, as the Body of Christ in the world—God's chosen people, meant to reflect his goodness to the world. Thank God that he continues to graciously preserve and protect the Church!

Stewardship Standard: Romans 3:20 says, "**For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**" The Law of God is good. It's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is God's gift because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and our sin. But now, in Christ, we can look at the Law and see it in a new light: as a guide for how to live the Christian life, in thanksgiving to God for his gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: In the **KYRIE**, we echo one of the oldest sections of the Christian liturgy. In it, we ask that God would never stop offering the mercy we treasure; the same mercy that was announced just moments ago in the Absolution. We recognize that we live only by God's mercy, and we pray for its constant presence among us.

Prayers for the following, please: our shut-in members Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Tillie Luckey, Mahela Lueders, Jean Mueller, Flora Oberndorfer, and Elaine Ruehling; for those in need of healing: Dale Burroughs, Stefanie Schmidt, and Elaine Ruehling; 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 family

as he continues his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; for the renovation work going on inside the Hall; for hurricane recovery in the southeastern United States.

Did you know...if you are 70 ½ 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.

Finance Board Update: There will be some changes in 2025. To help reduce costs, we will be reducing the number of contribution envelopes purchased because many are not being used. If an assigned number hasn't been used in the last five years, we will assume that member does not desire to use for recording purposes, and we will no longer include them in the list. For any number that has been used in the last five years, the numbers will be reassigned. Also, annual statements will now be printed or emailed by request only. Contact Jenny France, concordia.finsec@gmail.com or call/text 573-517-3273, if you would like to receive the annual statement. Thank you!

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Mark your calendars and attend the APS/UCLS Chocolate Factory Dinner Auction Saturday, February 15, 2025. All funds raised will go to help each of the schools with various projects. As always, the committee is coming up with some great ideas to make this the best event ever! Tickets will go on sale in early January. Watch the school newsletters for more information.

Neighboring Church and Community Notes

A breakfast brunch, sponsored by Salem LWML, will be held until noon today in the Salem Lutheran School gym, Farrar. Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, oatmeal sausage, fruit, baked goods, coffee and juice; carry-outs available. Proceeds will go towards postage for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project.

A harvest dinner will be 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. today at Christ Lutheran Church, 248 Albert St, Gordonville. Turkey, dressing, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, dessert; \$15 per plate (carry-out or dine-in).

A Reformation hymn sing, featuring Tyson Wunderlich on the Wittenberg organ, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum in Altenburg. The Perry County Lutheran Historical Society's semi-annual meeting will follow at 3 p.m. Come early and check out the "Wittenberg, Tower Rock & the Mississippi River" exhibit that will be closing later this week.

The annual trunk-or-treat will be 4-6 p.m. today at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds, Altenburg. The trick-or-treaters will be voting on their favorite trunk to win a gift certificate. If you decide, last minute, you want to enter a trunk, please come.

Medicare Part D sign-up will be available Wednesday, October 30, at Riverside Regional Library, Altenburg. Liz Yokley with Aging Matters will assist. Call the library at 573-824-5267 or email eschlichting@rrlmo.org to sign-up for a half-hour time slot, noon-5:30 p.m. Please bring your Medicare card and prescription list.

"Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays" will be 9-11 a.m., Saturday, November 2, at Grace Lutheran School, Uniontown. The event is open to all, but pre-registration is encouraged. Call Diana Howe (573-768-1051), Grace Miesner (573-517-9232), or Eunice Buerck (573-517-8733) to register.

A cornhole tournament, hosted by Eisleben Lutheran Church, will be Saturday, November 2, at the Scott City horseshoe pavilion. Sign-ups at noon; play at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$20; random draw for partner. The winning prize money will be determined with number of entries. Food and drink will be available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the youth attending the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. If you have questions, call Brian Pender at 573-450-8443.

A sausage supper, hosted by Hanover Lutheran Church Men's Club, will be 3-7 p.m., Sunday, November 3, at Hanover Lutheran Church, 2949 Perryville Rd, Cape Girardeau. Whole-hog sausage, potatoes, kraut, green beans, bread, applesauce, dessert; \$13 for adults; \$6 for children (ages 6 and under); dine-in or carry-out. Orders for sausage links, bulk sausage, pork chops, ribs, and head cheese will be taken until Friday, November 1. To order, call the church office at 573-335-8583.

A prayer service for the sanctity of life will be at 6 p.m., Sunday, November 3, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Perryville. Participants will petition the Lord to guard us and all children from evil, especially the evil contained in the proposed Amendment 3, on the ballot November 5. Guest preacher will be Rev. Paul Winningham. A special door offering to support The Center for Life of St. Genevieve and Perryville (dba "Options for Women") will be received.

A turkey-and-ham supper, hosted by Salem Lutheran Church, will be 1:30-6:30 p.m., Sunday, November 10, at Salem Lutheran School, Farrar. Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, and dessert; \$12 per plate for the carry-out meal. Indoor seating will be available.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Are you or someone you know a farmer who's thinking about retiring but unsure what to do with the farm? Perhaps your kids aren't interested in taking over. Or you're looking for ways to avoid capital gains or to turn the land into steady income for retirement or for your heirs. The LCMS Foundation is hosting a webinar, "Planting Seeds: How to Convert Your Farm into Retirement Income and Leave a Gift to Ministry," 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 12. The webinar will cover how charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) work and how they can provide a steady source of income for you or your family; options for structuring the transfer of your farm in a way that reflects your values and reduces taxes; real-life examples of how farmers have used CRTs to bless their families, and also created a substantial and lasting gift to the LCMS ministries they care about. Register now: <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/online-gift-planning-webinar-november2024>

The annual "Homemade Christmas" will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, November 16, at Eisleben Lutheran Church, 432 Lutheran Lane, Scott City. Crafts, baked goods, Christmas items, and a soup lunch; soups available for carry-out.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Join us as we continue our study of the book of Numbers on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays). Tune into *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays) for a special series on All Hallows Eve. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"Do not doubt, dear sister or dear brother, in the midst of your piercing grief, that you are not alone. Jesus stands with you and the whole company of his heaven stands with you. God's gang, you might say. So, stand firm with God as your mighty fortress, for you are not alone. But the 'same kinds of suffering you are experiencing are being experienced by your sisters and brothers throughout the world,' I Peter says. Yes, the

people who are mourning are blessed because they will be comforted.” Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

<p>Week: 11 Sunday: All Saints’</p>	<p><u>Hymn of the Week:</u> LSB 680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”</p> <p>Thine the amen, Thine the praise, alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the harvest, then the cup Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.</p> <p>Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine the wonderful surprise Thine the banquet then the praise, then the justice of thy ways Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing, at thy feast, at thy feast.</p>
<p><u>Bible Stories</u> 10/28 -- M: Judges 6:1, 6, 11-27 10/29 -- Tu: Judges 6:28-40 10/30 -- W: Judges 7:1-23 10/31 -- Th: Judges 13:1-25 11/01 -- F: Judges 14:1-20</p>	<p><u>Bible Verse</u> <i>⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” Exodus 34:6–7 (ESV)</i></p>
<p><u>Catechism</u></p> <p>The 1st Article: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.</p>	



Missouri Amendment 3

God's View of Life

Life is a gift from God:

Scripture clearly states that God is the Creator of all human life (Job 10:12) from the moment of conception (Ps 139:13,14).

Life has value:

Human life, though marred by the Fall, has a unique and valued place in God's creation (Gen 9:6; Ps 8:5).

Life is God's intention:

God sent His Son to die and redeem all human life (Jn 3:16). Jesus "came that you may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

As we prepare for election day, we are wise to consider the values above from Scripture. While the church is not a political entity and not in the business of endorsing candidates, it is our Christian responsibility and privilege to take part in civic action to care for our neighbors — especially those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov 31:8-9).



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD



Missouri Amendment 3

Voting “Yes” Means

Making abortion a constitutional right in Missouri for all 9 months of pregnancy

at a provider’s determination.

Eliminating all current state laws regarding abortion

including partial-birth abortion ban, parental consent for minors, health & safety standards for abortion clinics, and requirements for abortion clinics to show a baby’s ultrasound to the mother.

Limiting all health regulations or abortion restrictions

without another amendment to state constitution.

Voting “No” Means

 **Protecting life** by continuing prohibition of abortion in Missouri.

 **Allowing current laws to be amended** by regular legislative process.

If you would like more information on this initiative, you may speak with your pastor or contact Missouri Life Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Jason Wagner, at pastorwagner@email.com.



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