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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.
Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.*

Sunday, September 19, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let the earth open

People: that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit in us. (Isaiah 45:8)

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God,

People: the sky above proclaims His handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: We bless You from the house of the LORD. (Psalm 118:26)

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Children of God, the Lord calls you to come and be relieved of the burden of your sin and its guilt by confessing your sins and receiving His Word of holy absolution. Let nothing stand between you and the Lord. Trust in His mercy always. We now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father:

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

ALL: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Forgive us all that is past and move us by Your Holy Spirit to serve You faithfully in the future. 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.

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

People: And also with you.

Kyrie

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Prayer

Old Testament

II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

(God promises that David's throne shall endure forever.)

Pastor: ¹ After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do

it, for the LORD is with you.”⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you...¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 89:1-5 (*I will sing of Your steadfast love forever.*)

Pastor: ¹ I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever;

People: with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Pastor: ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

People: that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Pastor: ³ You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

People: I have sworn to David my servant,

Pastor: ⁴ ‘I will establish your line forever

People: and make your throne firm through all generations.’”

Pastor: ⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, LORD,

People: your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Epistle

I Corinthians 3:10-15

(*Jesus Christ is the foundation.*)

Pastor: ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder

will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

(The annunciation of the angel Gabriel to the virgin Mary and her faithful response.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children's Message

Hymn: "*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*"

LSB 909

Sermon: "His Kingdom Will Never End" Luke 1:26-38

Offering

Prayers of the Church

+Sacrament+

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 that we should at all times and in all places...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

Prayer of Thanks

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution/Hymns

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

LSB 631

Post-Communion Canticle: *“Nunc Dimittis”*

LSB 211

Prayer of Thanks

Benediction

Hymn: *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

LSB 832

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 Saturday Evening's Service

Pianist:	Debbie Lichtenegger
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey
Audio/Visual Team:	Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

Participants in Sunday Morning's Service

Greeters:	Shannon Martin and Heather Kassel
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Alleena Koenig
Elder:	Dennis Hecht
Ushers:	Dustin Roth, Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France, Ben Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Troy Petzoldt, Donna Hecht

This Week's Schedule

Mon., Sept. 20, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Wed., Sept. 22, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Concerning Spiritual Gifts)
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Fri., Sept. 24, 2021		<i>No School at UCLS</i> <u>No School at Saxony</u>
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 24 & 25, 2021		East Perry Community Fair
Sun., Sept. 26, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class ("One Christ, Many Creeds")
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 74 (Sept. 5, 2021), one year ago – 100 (Fri.-14, Sun.-86) (Sept. 4 & 6, 2020); Adult Bible Class – 17 (Sept. 5, 2021)

As We Gather: Good morning and welcome to worship! Today, we focus on Concordia's third core value, sustainability. **"We continue to honor our heritage, to steward our time, talent and treasures for future generations."** Our heritage is based on the Word of God, which tells us of his great love for sinners in Jesus Christ. In response to God's grace and mercy, we are called to a life of faithfulness and thanksgiving, as we use his gifts of time, talent, and treasures to further his kingdom. We are called to manage all of life's resources for God's purposes.

Something to celebrate: Today, on this Harvest Home Sunday, we celebrate the fruitfulness of the earth; all the bounty with which God has blessed us this summer and fall. "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance!" Psalm 65:11

Stewardship Standard: Mark 9:32 says, **"But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him."** The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear, if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So, when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

"Portals of Prayer" (October-December) are available today on the north buffet.

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

Spiritual Conversations Workshop: Would you like to share your faith in Christ, but you're not exactly sure what to say? Many Christians feel that way. From 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, our evangelism committee is hosting a spiritual conversations workshop produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries. The workshop is designed to help you engage people naturally in talking about the faith. A light meal will be provided, as will child care (for a free-will offering). Anyone may attend; please invite a friend to come with you. And please RSVP to pastorclfrohna@gmail.com or call the Concordia office at 573-824-5435.

August Contributions: 1st – \$3,707.00, 8th – \$3,806.00, 15th – \$4,364.00, 22nd – \$8,394.00, 29th – 3,834.86; Online Contributions (General) (Members) – \$5,990.95; Online Contributions (General) (Non-Members) – \$50.50; Online Contributions (UCLS Tuition Fund {General}) (Non-Members) – \$202.00; Memorials-Sandy Oberdorfer – \$154.13; Saxony Lutheran High School Scholastic Fund – \$100.00; Door Offering – Chapel of Hope, SEMO – \$322.00

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Come to The East Perry County Fairgrounds in Altenburg on Saturday, October 2, to enjoy a fun-filled family day. The festivities begin with a 1.5-mile Color Run & Walk around the fairgrounds. After the run/walk, stay and enjoy concessions, beer stand, music, raffles, bingo and other yard games. Sam Barber will be providing LIVE music from Noon-2:30 p.m.! Registration for the Color Run begins at 8:30 a.m., and it will begin at 10 a.m. To sign up for the Color Run, go to "Concordia & Trinity LYF Color Run" on Facebook. Registration is \$20. All proceeds from the day will help

the Concordia, Frohna and Trinity, Altenburg Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) groups go to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next July. Thanks for your support!

Saxon Lutheran Memorial Notes

The Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 9, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial in Frohna. The Festival will include demonstrations from the mid-1800s, touring of the historic log cabins, the Schnitzelbank Skit, musical entertainment, horse and buggy rides, crafters, food, and attendance prizes. There is no admission charge, but a suggested donation of \$5 per vehicle would be appreciated. Please come and support this local historic site.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Attention: All East Perry Seniors – A survey regarding interest in meals served in person at the East Perry Senior Center is available on the south buffet in Concordia's narthex. The concern is how many will take advantage of the meals served at the center in Altenburg. The Senior Center would like to have an idea of interest before reopening the center. Please complete a survey, and put it in the box on Concordia's south buffet today, September 19.

The Perry County Lutheran Chorale wants you to join the chorale for its first fall rehearsal today, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Perryville. If you've ever been curious or wondered if singing with the chorale is for you...come and meet the current members, an eclectic mix of ages and skill levels, but all have a passion for praising the Lord through song.

A Fall Dinner will be Sunday, October 3, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Egypt Mills (5665 County Road 635). The dinner will be drive-thru/carry-out only. The meal will include chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, slaw, bread, and dessert. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal. Frozen dumplings and canned jellies and butters will also be available for purchase.

A Whole-Hog Pork Sausage Supper will be Sunday, October 3, with serving from 3-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown (school basement). The supper will be carry-outs only for \$10 each. The menu will include whole-hog pork sausage, parsley potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, and dessert. Proceeds will be given to the Mark and Brittany Kasten Family (house fire) and the Rev. Ted and Megan Torreson Family (medical expenses).

The Trinity Church Supper will be held on Sunday, October 10, with serving from 3-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School, Altenburg. The menu will include fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, ham, and all the trimmings. The cost of the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 6-10). Carry-outs will be available.

The "Walk for Life" will be Saturday, October 16, at 9 a.m. at the TG Trail in Perryville. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. To register, visit centerforlifemo.org or call 573-883-2088.

Mark your calendars! The Grace/Zion Youth Group is hosting their first ever Quarter Auction on Saturday, October 23, at the Robinson Event Center in Perryville. The doors open at 6 p.m., and the auction starts at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. Be sure to bring quarters (we recommend two rolls, but we will have extra available for purchase). Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased by calling Jessica Krauss at 573-768-0143.

The Perry County Lutheran Historical Society will be holding its biennial **German Immigration Conference** Thursday-Saturday, October 28-30, at the Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum in Altenburg. The 2021 theme is "Perry County, Missouri: Immigration & War in America and Overseas". In addition to genealogy and family history presentations, the conference will feature presentations with a military focus, including a premier of a video on Ray Littge, WWI Fighter Pilot; military chaplains; an art exhibit by Artist Dan Woodward on Civil War action west of the Mississippi; and Fred Eggers on the Civil War in Perry County. The conference will also include a presentation by Bill Hart of the Perry County Archives and Retired Professor Dr. Stephanie Clemons that will feature history and architectural information on area churches. The Saturday evening banquet will feature Dr. Bill Eddleman addressing the Civil War in Perry County. The \$250 registration fee includes all presentations, food, entertainment, and research direction. A ribbon-cutting for the new museum addition will also be celebrated. Please register soon to reserve your spot at this conference. To register, please visit lutheranmuseum.com or come by the museum to pick up a registration form.

A new book, "LETTERS FROM HAVANA," by Rev. David V. Dissen, can now be ordered on Amazon.com. Go to the Amazon website and simply request this book title and David Dissen as the author. The book is a collection of letters that were written by Pastor Dissen weekly to his parents in Wisconsin during Dissen's vicarage in Cuba in 1957-1958. This was the time of Fidel Castro's rise to power. All book royalties go to LCMS mission work in the Dominican Republic.

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS

A lot is happening in the District this fall! We are hosting several events including Pastors' Conference (Oct. 17-19), a Lutheran Older Adult Retreat (Oct. 20-21), Sr. Youth Gathering (Nov. 5-7), Educators' Conference (Nov. 22-23), plus other orientations, conferences, and special speakers. To learn more about these events, and to register for them, visit mo.lcms.org/upcoming-events.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Ezekiel 5-9 on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.); hear about Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on *The Coffee Hour* tomorrow, September 20, at 9:30 a.m.; study Leviticus 5-10 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.); and dig into our Lutheran Confessions on *Concord Matters* this Saturday, September 25, at 10 a.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"God has put us in our roles as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world's resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!" *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life*
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Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 18)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;

My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

Bible Verse

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

Catechism

The Sixth Commandment and Meaning –
"You shall not commit adultery. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other."

Bible Stories

- 09/20 -- M: Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19, 45-46, 3:39
- 09/21 -- Tu: Numbers 6:22-27
- 09/22 -- W: Numbers 9:15-17, 10:11-13
- 09/23 -- Th: Numbers 11:16-17, 25-30
- 09/24 -- F: No School

Sermon Notes