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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, September 25, 2022

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Invocation & Prayer

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We are empowered by the Holy Spirit!

**People: Let us live for Christ!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord God, you are the strength of all who trust in you. Without your aid, we can do no good thing. Grant us your grace so that we can please you in both will and good works. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"**

*LSB 610*

## Confession of Sin & Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking for forgiveness in Jesus' name.

*(Silence for examination and confession)*

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

**All: We confess to you that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you and one another. We cling to the things of this world, which are here today and gone tomorrow, for security, meaning and identity. We crave things that are physical and ignore things eternal, as well as the needs of those around us. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins and faithlessness. Renew and restore us by the power of your Spirit. Lead us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.**

Pastor: People of God, we come into this world with nothing, and we leave it in the same way. Everything we have in this life is a gift from God, especially his forgiveness and love, which brings us here today. At the command of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Response of Praise: "In Thee Is Gladness"**

*LSB 818*

## Old Testament

*Amos 6:1-7*

**(Warning of God's judgment)**

Lector: <sup>1</sup>"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O

you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

**People:** <sup>4</sup> "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Lector: <sup>7</sup> Therefore, they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away." This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Psalm 146 (Do not put your trust in princes.)**

Lector: <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People:** <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Lector: <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**People:** <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

Lector: who keeps faith forever;

**People:** <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,

Lector: who gives food to the hungry.

**People:** The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Lector: <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**People:** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

Lector: the LORD loves the righteous.

**People:** <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners. He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Lector: <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People:** Praise the LORD!

**Epistle**

*1 Timothy 6:6-19*

**(Paul urges Timothy to fight the good fight of faith and resist making money his god.)**

Lector: <sup>6</sup> Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,

**People:** <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Lector: <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

**People:** <sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Lector:** <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time.

**People:** He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

**Lector:** <sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

**People:** <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## **Alleluia & Verse**

*Luke 16:31*

**Pastor:** Alleluia! If they do not hear Moses and the prophets,

**People:** neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

*Luke 16:19-31*

**(The rich man and Lazarus)**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter:

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

**Pastor:** <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross

from there to us.’<sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’<sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Apostles' Creed

## Children's Message

Hymn: *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

LSB 707

Sermon *"The Haves and the Have Nots" Luke 16:19-31*

## Rite of Fellowship

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

## Prayers of the Church

Pastor: O Lord, hear our prayer,

**People: and work your will among us as you lead us to the world to come.**

## + Sacrament +

Pastor: The Lord is among us.

**People: We praise him for his gracious presence.**

Pastor: We thank him for his love.

**People: We rejoice that he has come to be with us.**

Pastor: We look forward to being seated around his banquet table.

**People: We celebrate the future that is ours in Jesus.**

## Prayer of Thanks

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

## The Peace

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

**People: Amen.**

## Distribution/Hymns

*"For All the Saints"*

LSB 677

*"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

LSB 708

*"Jerusalem the Golden"*

LSB 672

*"O Lord, We Praise Thee"*

LSB 617

## Prayer of Thanks

Pastor: O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

**People: His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**Blessing**

Pastor: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn: "Fight the Good Fight"**

**LSB 664**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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**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; 1 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?

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## Participants in Today's Service

Greeters:	Clifford and Kathy Stueve
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Lector:	Ethan Best
Acolyte:	Jayci Klaus
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France, Ben Grebing, Adam Hoehne
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Diane Petzoldt

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## This Week's Schedule

Today, Sept. 25, 2022	4 p.m.	Circuit Forum at Grace, Uniontown
Mon., Sept. 26, 2022		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. St. Vincent, Perryville (Away)</i>
Tues., Sept. 27, 2022	6:30 p.m.	Special Church Council
Wed., Sept. 28, 2022	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study "What's the Big Deal?"
Thurs., Sept. 29, 2022	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. Nell Holcomb (Away)</i>
Sat., Oct. 1, 2022	9:30 a.m. (Registration)	LYF Color Run at EPC Fairgrounds
Sun., Oct. 2, 2022	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
LWML Sunday	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lutheran Hour Ministries' Spiritual Conversations Workshop

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## Announcements

**Attendance:** Worship – 180 (Sat.-59, Sun.-121), one year ago – 160 (Sat.-69, Sun.-91); Adult Bible Class – (No Bible Class), one year ago – 10

**As We Gather:** There are many things that seek our attention on this side of heaven: family, friends, hobbies, athletics, jobs, and social activities. As with all blessings from God, Satan often twists their purpose and uses them to distract us from our relationship with the Giver of all good gifts. Instead of trusting in God's promises given to us in his Word, we often put our trust in our abilities and possessions. We risk hardening our heart and being led away from God instead of being strengthened and remaining steadfast in the one true faith. As God's people, we receive many material blessings in this life, but the greater blessing is what awaits us in the life of faith, eternal life. The apostle Paul reminds us, "There is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out." (1 Timothy 6:6-7)

**Stewardship Standard:** Amos 6:1a says, "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion." The book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus said, material blessings can turn into temptation—chiefly the temptation to consider ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon him. And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions: to bless the poor with our abundance and to make sure the Lord's house is properly

cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

**Something to celebrate:** Recently, we were able to help a Concordia family using dollars from our Benevolence Fund. Praise the Lord! This is money set aside in our annual budget to assist an individual or family that has a financial need which they are unable to meet. If you'd like to help replenish the Benevolence Fund, please put a check in the offering plate, and write on the memo line: Benevolence Fund. What a great way to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ at Concordia.

**For our visitors,** we no longer pass the offering plates during the worship service. However, you may leave an offering in the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary today. Thank you!

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

**Don't throw away your "Portals of Prayer" devotion booklet after you have read it!** Concordia LWML is collecting used "Portals of Prayer" to send to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas. This ministry distributes the devotional booklets to detainees in the El Paso Immigration Detention Center through Lutheran Prison Ministry. A marked box for the booklets is located in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room.

**LWML Sunday** is next Sunday, October 2. This year's theme is "For Us and With Us" based on Romans 8:31-39. The guest preacher will be Rev. Chad Lakies of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**Concordia will be hosting a Lutheran Hour Ministries' Spiritual Conversations Workshop** on Sunday, October 2. Led by Rev. Chad Lakies of LHM, the workshop will help you to become more intentional about engaging in spiritual conversations with others. It is based on a biblical foundation and research by the Barna Group. It will begin at 11 a.m. and finish around 2 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. You may register now, online, at [LHM.ORG/FROHNA](http://LHM.ORG/FROHNA) (Registration closes at 3 p.m. this Thursday, September 29.)

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<u>Per Service</u>			<u>Breakdown</u>		
Offering Plate-Sunday	8/7/2022	\$ 1,911.46	General Fund	Envelopes	\$ 18,255.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	8/14/2022	\$ 9,025.00	General Fund	Loose Change	\$ 1,448.50
Offering Plate-Sunday	8/21/2022	\$ 3,287.42	General Fund	Door Offering (SEMO Chapel)	\$ 657.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	8/28/2022	\$ 4,012.00	General Fund	Memorial - Harry Mueller	\$ 25.00
Online		\$ 7,856.65	General Fund	Online	\$ 7,856.65
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,092.53</b>			<b>\$ 28,242.15</b>
	Average per Week	\$ 6,523.13			
<i>To meet our 2022 budget we need around \$8,278 per week</i>					

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**Saxony Lutheran High School Notes**

**Future Crusader Night** will begin at 4:30 p.m. this Wednesday, September 27 (girls' softball). All students are invited to come to the game for free and cheer on the Crusaders. (Wear your school shirt to the game to get in free.)

**Crusaders Care Pink-Out Nights** will be at 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 3 (girls' softball); 5 p.m., Monday, October 10 (girls' volleyball); and 4 p.m., Tuesday, October 18 (boys' soccer). All proceeds from admission will be donated to the Southeast Cancer Care Fund as a Saxony Crusaders Care Project. Don't forget to wear pink!

## Saxon Lutheran Memorial (SLM) Notes

The annual **Fall Festival** will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, October 8. Attractions will include tours of the site buildings, pioneer demonstrations, crafter/artisan exhibits, food, and fellowship.

## Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

**"Better Together" Prize Tickets**—Purchase a prize ticket for your chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize! The cost is \$100 per ticket, and proceeds will support critical services to ensure the well-being of Missouri's children. A maximum of 400 tickets will be sold. The winner will be drawn at the LFCS dinner and auction this Saturday, October 1 (attendance is not necessary to win). Tickets may be purchased online through this Friday, September 30. Learn more about the event at [lfcs.org/auction](http://lfcs.org/auction).

## News from The Lutheran Home

**The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau** is developing a strategic plan to address significant turnover and resident loss in the coming years. Among the plans is to change the operating name and logo to "Providence Point Living." If you are interested in more information, there is a letter available in the narthex, on the south buffet.

## Neighboring Church & Community Notes

**A Gordonville Grill fundraiser** will be held 11 a.m.-9 p.m. this Tuesday, September 27, to benefit Trinity Ladies' Aid, Cape Girardeau. Ten percent of all the sales will be given to the Ladies Aid. In addition to supporting missions, the Ladies' Aid provides altar flowers; communion supplies; scholarships to Trinity Lutheran, Saxony Lutheran High School, and Concordia Seminary; and assists with other church-related projects.

**The Trinity and Concordia LYF groups will host the 2nd annual Color Run** this Saturday, October 1, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds. This event will include the run, food, beverages, and live music. The cost for the run is \$20 (without a shirt, after September 12). Follow the QR code on the flyer on Concordia's bulletin board to register. You do not have to run to attend. There will be other ways to have fun and donate on October 1.

**The Fall Rally** of the Altenburg Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be at 9 a.m., this Saturday, October 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church (basement), New Wells. (Registration and a continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m.) The theme for the rally is "Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need," based on I Timothy 5:3. The speaker will be Mike Mueller with Day 3 Seeds, based in Bertrand. The ingathering will be monetary for Day 3 Seeds. The offering will go to mites.

**A fall dinner** will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (or until food is gone) next Sunday, October 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Egypt Mills (5665 County Road 635, Cape Girardeau). The dinner will be drive-thru only. The meal will include chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, slaw, bread, and dessert. A free-will offering will be collected. Other items that will be available for purchase include: apple butter, peach butter, and pear butter (pint); apple butter (quart); blackberry and elderberry jelly (pint); relish (pint); relish (quart); frozen dumplings (2#); frozen chicken (quart bag); pecans (quart bag); and other miscellaneous items.

**A whole-hog pork sausage supper** will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 2, in the Grace Lutheran School basement, Uniontown. The meal will be dine-in or take-out. Proceeds will support the tuition fund dedicated to Saxony Lutheran High School and Lutheran colleges.

**The “Just Breathe for Jen” benefit dinner/auction/dance** will be held Saturday, October 8, at Brazeau Hall. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. The meal (pulled pork by 2-Sides Grilling and chili, sides, and desserts) will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. A silent auction will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. A dance will be held following the auction from 8-11 p.m. with music by Jennifer Geringer (Big Jen). Tickets are \$20 a person and \$10 for ages 11-17. All proceeds will go towards helping Jennifer with her expenses as she awaits a double lung transplant. She is the daughter of Rick and Patty Lorenz and sister of Melissa, Ashley, and Dustin.

**The annual Harvest Service** will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at Hill of Peace, Friedenbergl. Rev. Joseph Schlie of Immanuel, Perryville, will be the guest preacher. The men’s choir from Immanuel, Perryville, will provide special music. Refreshments will be served at the hall following the service.

**A fried chicken/ham/chicken & dumplings supper** will be held 3-7 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at Trinity, Altenburg. The cost of the meal will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-10. Carry-outs will be available.

**The Men’s Retreat** will be Friday-Sunday, October 14-16, at Camp SEMO, Wappapello. Rev. Matthew Marks will lead the topic entitled “How to Live a Christian Faith in a Pagan World”. The cost is \$35 per person for the entire weekend (\$20 per person-Saturday ONLY, \$30 per person for Saturday and one night, and Pastors—No Charge—Saturday—includes Saturday meals). Registration may be submitted by phone to Richard Schmidt at 573-824-5484 or by mail to 469 PCR 328, Perryville, MO 63775, or to Harvey Loenneke at 573-243-2146 or by mail to 1350 Broadridge Dr, Jackson, MO 63755. Please include your name, address, and phone number. (Checks may be made payable to: Altenburg/Cape Girardeau Zone LLL.)

**The Walk/Run for Life Celebration Rally** will be Saturday, October 22, at the TG Trail, Perryville. The walk/run will begin at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:15 a.m.). The registration fee is \$30 (includes a free t-shirt if registered by October 8). Register for the Walk for Life at [www.centerforlifemo.org](http://www.centerforlifemo.org) under the “Events” tab. Ask your friends to sponsor you in your walk/run and win prizes based on the amount of sponsorship you receive. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Moore, Director, at 573-883-2088 or via email at [shirleymoore@optionsforwomenmo.com](mailto:shirleymoore@optionsforwomenmo.com).



### **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS**

**Send a child to a Lutheran school with your tax dollars!** The Missouri District has been approved as an Educational Assistance Organization through the state’s MOScholars tax credit program. Taxpayers—including individuals and businesses—are now able to direct qualified dollars to this scholarship program and receive tax credits for their participation. Go to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars> to read more about the program and see details on our upcoming MOScholars webinar this Thursday, September 29.

### **KFUO Notes**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Deuteronomy 29-31 on *Sharper Iron’s* “The Law of God is Good and Wise” (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 1 Corinthians 9-11 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and hear conversations from fellow Lutherans from across our church body on *The Coffee Hour* (weekdays at 9 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

### **“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life**

**“Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop**

some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be his child. He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!" *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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**Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 17)**

**Hymn of the Week**

**LSB 878 "Abide with Me"**

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Bible Stories**

- 09/26-- M: 1 Kings 5:1-18
- 09/27 -- Tu: 1 Kings 6:1, 11-28
- 09/28 -- W: 1 Kings 8:1-21
- 09/29 -- Th: 1 Kings 8:22-40
- 09/30 -- F: 1 Kings 9:1-9

**Bible Verse**

*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.* Psalms 37:5 (ESV)

**Catechism**

The Seventh Commandment and its meaning: "You shall not steal. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income."

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