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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 26, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

LSB 906

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

People: Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

Pastor: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and praise Him with music and song.

People: For the Lord is a great God, the wonderful King above all gods.

Pastor: In His hands are the deep places of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

People: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: We now confess our sins before Almighty God and in the presence of one another.

(A brief silence for examination and confession)

Pastor: We confess to the LORD and to each other that we have sinned in our thoughts and words, in our actions and in our failure to act...Holy and merciful Father, in Your Word, You reveal Yourself as the God of love and mercy. Throughout history, You have had all the people of the world at the heart of your mission. However, we must confess that often we are only onlookers in Your mission.

People: Forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: We avoid opportunities to speak Your words of forgiveness, love, and healing to our family members, neighbors, and our fellow Christians.

People: Forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: At times, we neglect Your Word and the sacraments, which are meant to prepare us for witness and service.

People: Forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: Too often, we want people to serve us. We do not always follow the example of our Savior, who served others without complaint.

People: Forgive us, dear Lord.

Pastor: God speaks to you, Christians! He says, “As far as the east is from the west, so far have your sins been removed. The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses you from all sin. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” Your sins are forgiven. Go in the peace of the LORD. You are God’s witnesses—sent to serve and be a blessing to others. Amen!

Hymn: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” LSB 729

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: Heavenly Father, as Your Son graciously reached out to all and received those who came to Him, enable us by Your Holy Spirit to extend Your love to others, that they may know the joy of being a part of Your family, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:10-16

(The Root of Jesse stands as a banner for all.)

Pastor: ¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. ¹¹In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean. ¹²He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. ¹³Ephraim’s jealousy will vanish, and Judah’s enemies will be destroyed; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim. ¹⁴They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will subdue Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them. ¹⁵The LORD will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that anyone can cross over in sandals. ¹⁶There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us,

People: that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Pastor: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Pastor: May the peoples praise You, Of God; may all the peoples praise You.

People: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

Pastor: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

People: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us.

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.

(You will be my witnesses!)

Pastor: ¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

(The Great Commission)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Rite of Fellowship/Children’s Message

Creed: “We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953

Sermon: “What’s So Great about the Great Commission?”

Matthew 28:16-20

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Our Heavenly Father, through His Son, invites us to call on Him with confidence as His sons and daughters. We now go to Him with our petitions and praise...Lord God, for calling us to faith through Your Word; for choosing us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth; for trusting us with your message of reconciliation in Christ,

People: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

Pastor: For bringing us together as the body of Christ; for awakening us to the urgency of Your mission; for the privilege of taking Your Word into all the world,

People: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

Pastor: Lord God, renew us for that task

People: with the deep love You have for every person on this planet.

Pastor: Lord, fill us again

People: with joy as we consider our call to be your witness.

Pastor: Lord reassure us

People: that through Your Holy Spirit, You are with us and will bless our efforts in Your name.

Pastor: We pray for all the people in our community, in our state, and in our nation who do not yet know you, Lord Jesus. We pray that they might come to know you as their Lord and Savior, too.

People: Open our hearts, by the power of the Gospel, to be a winsome and courageous witness to them.

Pastor: We pray for the peoples of the world—in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australia, and the islands of the seas.

People: Hear the cries of those in spiritual darkness and deliver them.

Pastor: We pray for all who do not yet confess the name of Jesus, who harden their hearts, who turn their backs on Christ, for those who are Christian in name only.

People: Recover them, O Lord, and establish them in the truth of Your Gospel.

Pastor: Father, we also remember the following among us and their needs...

We look to You, Gracious Father, for You have promised to hear us in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160-164

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

“Draw Us to Thee”

LSB 701

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

Our Commitment to Serve in God’s Mission

Pastor: With hearts that have been opened by Almighty God, nourished through the love of Christ, His Son, and filled to overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit, we go forth to make disciples of all nations.

People: With our hands, we will labor in His name, for we know that our labor in Him is not in vain! With our prayers, we will lift up the needs of all people, for we know that the Lord hears prayers and answers in ways

more wonderful than we can comprehend. Our hearts are His, and we intend, by His grace, to gladly serve and represent Him!

Pastor: The blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon your hearts and remain with you forever!

People: Amen!

Hymn: “On Galilee’s High Mountain”

LSB 835

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 Today's Service

Greeters:	David and Carla Braeuner
Musicians:	Dawn Tayon, Justin Tayon
Acolyte:	Ryleigh Manche
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Pat Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Mon., Sept. 27, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Tues., Sept. 28, 2021	7 p.m.	Endowment Committee
Wed., Sept. 29, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Concerning Spiritual Gifts)
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Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. Eagle Ridge, Cape (A & B Teams) (Home at APS)</i>
Sat., Oct. 2, 2021	TBA	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball B-Team plays in tournament at St. Vincent, Perryville</i>
Sun., Oct. 3, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class ("One Christ, Many Creeds")
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	After Worship	Refreshments and Fellowship

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 160 (Sat.-69, Sun.-91), one year ago – 119 (Fri.-22, Sun.-97); Adult Bible Class – 10, one year ago – 12

As We Gather: Good morning and welcome to worship! Today, we focus on Concordia's fourth and final core value, in light of Jesus' Great Commission to his Church in Matthew 28:16-20. **"Our goal is to intentionally go and share the Gospel with others in words and deeds."** This is a goal that we aspire to; in other words, we haven't been intentionally doing this, but now we are making a commitment to do so.

Stewardship Standard: Mark 9:45 says, **"And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell."** So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Apathy? It's better to cut "it" off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place today to receive that help, as you receive God's Word.

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

LWML Sunday Next Sunday: On October 3, our congregation will join the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in observing LWML Sunday. You will be given the privilege of contributing to our society's many worthy mission projects. Special contribution baskets will be placed on refreshment tables provided by the LWML. In thanks for your offering, our ladies will be providing refreshments for your enjoyment.

Our special speaker will be fourth-year seminarian Brandon Metcalf, who is Concordia LWML's adopted seminarian this year. LWML members are asked to gather in the narthex preceding the service to process and sit together as a group.

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.

Harvest Home Festival: The LWML committee would like to extend a **huge thank you to everyone who contributed** in any way to our Harvest Home Festival last Saturday and Sunday. The decorations and the worship service were beautiful. If you contributed items to our displays, shared your talents in decorating, or were present to enjoy our service, we know you were blessed indeed.

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. There is a marked box for the booklets in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Come to The East Perry County Fairgrounds in Altenburg this 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.

Thank you! Thank you! -- Thank you to the 40 volunteers who donated their time and talents to help cook apple butter at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial. Because of this generous outpouring of help, 570 pints of apple butter were canned! This is an important endeavor for the Memorial as the selling of this apple butter is one of the primary fundraisers to help maintain the site. Thank you again from the council at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Fall Dinner will be next 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 next 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 (Uniontown)/Zion (Longtown) 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. (The registration deadline is Monday, October 4.)



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 10-14 on *Sharper Iron's* "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Leviticus 11-16 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10 a.m. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 19)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 904

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Bible Stories

- 09/27 -- M: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33
- 09/28 -- Tu: Numbers 14:1-24
- 09/29 -- W: Numbers 16:1-19a
- 09/30 -- Th: Numbers 16:19b-40
- 10/01 -- F: Numbers 17:1-10

Bible Verse

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
Romans 3:19 (ESV)

Catechism

The Seventh Commandment and 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."

Sermon Notes