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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

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 27, 2020

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

Welcome

Opening Hymn: *“Praise Be to Christ”*

LSB 538

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

LSB 151

Introit (*Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6*)

P: The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

C: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

P: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

C: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

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.

P: The LORD lifts up the humble;

C: he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie

LSB 152

This is the Feast

LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of

Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes

believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed	<i>LSB 158</i>
Sermon Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”	<i>LSB 655</i>
Sermon: “The True ‘Power’ of Authority” Matthew 21:23-32	
Choir Anthem: “If My People Pray” (Concordia Men’s Choir)	
Prayers of the Church: (Congregational response: Lord, have mercy)	
Service of the Sacrament	<i>LSB 160</i>
Distribution Hymns:	
<i>“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”</i>	<i>LSB 634</i>
<i>“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”</i>	<i>LSB 620</i>
<i>“What God Ordains Is Always Good”</i>	<i>LSB 760</i>
<i>“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”</i>	<i>LSB 704</i>
Post-Communion Canticle: “Thank the Lord”	<i>LSB 164</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 166</i>
Benediction	<i>LSB 166</i>
Closing Hymn: “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”	<i>LSB 919</i>
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 (1 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 (1 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 this Morning's Service

Greeters:	Dennis and Diane Leimbach
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Lilly Roth
Elder:	Dennis Hecht
Ushers:	Chad Miesner, Jeremiah Kohlfeld, Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler
Audio/Visual Team:	Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

This Week's Schedule

Wed., Sept. 30	9 a.m. Bible Study (Zechariah)
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Fri., Oct. 2	11 a.m. Worship
Sun., Oct. 4	8 a.m. Bible Class – "Stewardship Basics"
	9 a.m. Worship

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 119 (Friday-22, Sunday-97), one year ago – 137 (Saturday – 19, Sunday – 118); Adult Bible Class – 12, one year ago – 20

As We Gather: Today, we hear again God's call to repent, "Turn, and live!" But this call only bears fruit when we first admit that the sin of which we speak is our own. Deeply imbedded in the fallen sinful nature is the habit of blaming others for our troubles. It started already in the Garden of Eden when Adam blamed God, "The woman YOU gave me," as the cause of his transgression. But true repentance and faith is like a major surgery by which we receive a new heart and a new spirit. God creates in the repentant sinner that new, properly functioning heart and right spirit; by means of the broken heart and body of his Son, Jesus Christ. Through faith in him, we are able to turn and live the new life of holiness and righteousness in Christ.

Please welcome to Concordia Pastor Alan Wollenburg of Sikeston, who is filling in today for Pastor Hoemann. Pastor Wollenburg currently serves part-time as chaplain at the LCMS Chapel of Hope campus ministry at SEMO.

Stewardship thought for the week: Matthew 21:26 says, "But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd ..." Foolish Pharisees! They feared men more than they feared God, and so they missed out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and

his love. Our sins are like that, too; we fear something or someone more than we fear God. How foolish that is on our part! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something or someone other than God.

Order in the Order: The Christian faith is built on and springs out of Old Testament roots. In the **OLD TESTAMENT** reading, we hear a word from the LORD that was given to people many, many centuries ago. But that inspired word remains relevant for us today. We remember and are instructed by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

“The Voice of Missouri” (September issue) is available on-line at <https://mo.lcms.org/voice/sept-2020-schools/>. You may also subscribe to **“The Voice of Missouri”** at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy of the most recent issue is available on the south buffet in Concordia’s narthex for those who do not have internet access.)

A newsletter from Erin Mackenzie, serving the Dominican Republic, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

The prophet Zechariah has been called “the prophet of Holy Week.” Come and see why as we unwrap the third and final part of this Old Testament book, chapters 9-14. You will be amazed and blessed! The Concordia Wednesday Bible study group meets each week at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

LWML Sunday will be observed on October 4. On that Sunday, a collection basket will be available asking for free-will donations to help with the many worthy mission projects of **Concordia LWML**. Pastor Hoemann and Vicar Paul Rempfer, the LWML’s adopted seminary student, will lead worship with a special service. After the service, a special goodie bag, compliments of Concordia LWML, will be presented to all in attendance. The “Mighty Mites” of the LWML, along with our motto “Serve the Lord with Gladness”, leads our ladies to achieve the many mission goals set before them. The LWML is asking anyone to be regular “mite” givers as well. These “mites” can be placed in a special wooden mite box, which will be placed in the narthex today and next Sunday, October 4. The mites are used to fulfill the mission goal sponsored by the **Missouri** District and **National** LWML. You are invited to grab a mite box to place in your home. All praise and glory to God!!! Thank you for your help.

Prayer Chain: The LWML-sponsored Prayer Chain will be updated. The chain of people on the Prayer Chain is not limited to LWML members. We invite anyone to put their name along on the chain, men or women. Please call Pat Petzoldt at 824-5912 or Helen Grebing at 824-5768 if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain.

“Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.” Exodus 23:19 Good news...there are more ways to support God’s mission at Concordia than just writing a check or giving online! As the fall harvest time approaches, farmers can give a portion of their harvest payment, or dairymen can give a portion of their dairy sales to the Lord. Those raising livestock can donate a portion of the proceeds from their animal’s sale to the work of the Lord. If you’ve recently replaced old equipment, you can donate the proceeds of its sale. Anyone can give a portion of their land or other real estate. The advantages of giving like this is that you can realize significant tax savings. These forms of giving to Concordia allow individuals to take advantage of charitable deductions, avoid potential capital gains taxes, and even establish a retirement income stream with a gift of property. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Carol Grebing-Duggan at 824-6060.

A new small-group Bible study for parents with young children meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month under the Frohna Park shelter

(next meeting October 5). Led by Whitney and Garrett Hemman, the group is focusing on God's wisdom in the book of Proverbs. If you and your spouse are interested in participating, contact Whitney at 573-768-4344.

August Contributions: 2nd – \$1,985.00, 9th – \$9,327.00, 16th – \$4,865.00, 23rd – \$4,587.25, 30th – \$6,312.00; Online Contributions (General Fund) – \$4,344.07; Online Contributions (UCLS Tuition-General Fund) – \$100; Church Supper – \$1,855.00; Other (Refreshments) – \$35.22; Saxony Lutheran High School Scholastic Fund – \$100; Door Offering (Chapel of Hope-SEMO) – \$218

Did you know... if you are 70½ 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 824-6060.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Calling all bakers...please help! The youth of Concordia and UCLS have been given an opportunity to run a concession stand at the Curtis Kaufman estate sale October 3-4 (Concordia LYF) and October 10-11 (UCLS). Their participation will provide some much-needed funding for the 2022 National Youth Gathering and the 7-8th grade Washington, D.C. trip. As any East Perry County estate sale goer knows, your homemade pies and coffee cake sell well!!! Please consider donating some of your delicacies and deliver it to the David & Carla Braeuner farm by 8 a.m. Saturday, October 3, or to the multi-purpose room at Concordia the day before the sale, Friday, October 2. (Please be on the lookout for a request from the UCLS group, as they will likely need the same treats for the October 10-11 days of the sale.) We will slice them up and serve them to the sale goers. You can contact Tori Schuessler (824-5779), Carol Word (225-3514) or Carla Braeuner (768-4210) with any questions or to make other arrangements, if needed. Thank you in advance for the calories you'll provide!

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

UCLS PTL Fundraiser: Let us make your lunch on Sunday, October 11, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (or until sold out). The plate lunch will consist of a pork burger, mustard potato salad, and slaw for \$6. Additional pork burgers will be available for \$3 each. All food will be made in advance, and available for pick-up only, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds, under the pavilion. We hope to see you there. As always, thank you for supporting UCLS!

Saxon Lutheran Memorial (SLM) Notes

The Fall Festival at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial, which was scheduled for October 10, 2020, **has been cancelled**. Your continued support of this historic site is appreciated.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Center for Life in Perryville will host its 8th annual Walk/Run for Life on Saturday, October 10, at the TG Trail in Perryville. You can support this pro-life Christian ministry in a couple of ways:

1. Gather a team from your church to walk/run. Registration fee is \$25 per person. Walkers and runners may ask others who cannot participate to sponsor them, too. Runners and walkers can receive prizes for their level of sponsorship. Register at the center's website: www.centerforlifemo.org, under the "Events" tab.

2. Serve as a sponsor for the Walk for Life. This is a great way to demonstrate your congregation's pro-life stance to the community. There are three levels of sponsorship: platinum, gold and silver. If you are interested in helping in this way, call Shirley Moore, executive director, at 883-2088.

The LLL Men's Bible Retreat will be held Friday-Sunday, October 23-25, at Camp SEMO, Wappapello. The program topic will be *"The Two Kingdoms of Church and State and its Application to the USA Today"*. Rev. Joseph Schlie will be the guest presenter. (Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.)

Missouri District News

When the pandemic first began, Lutheran schools throughout Missouri quickly adapted to continue to meet the needs of students, families, and staff. We're all so appreciative of these administrators, teachers, and support staff members who continue shining the light of Christ in uncertain times. Please join the District in prayer this fall for our 50 early childhood centers, 50 elementary schools, and 9 high schools. Your work is making an eternal difference!

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, continue studying the book of Proverbs on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Continue in the book of 1 Samuel on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and spend a moment with KFUE Radio on topics in faith, family, scripture, creation, and a little fun on *KFUE Midday Moments* at 12 p.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 18)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 540

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

Christ, the Word of God incarnate,

Lord and Son of Abraham;

Christ, the radiance of the Father,

Perfect God, the great I AM;

Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,

Light and life You bring to all;

Light our path with Your own presence,

Grant us grace to heed Your call.

Bible Stories

09/28 -- M: Genesis 19:1-29

09/29 -- Tu: Genesis 20:1-18

09/30 -- W: Genesis 21:1-21

10/01 -- Th: Genesis 22:1-19

10/02 -- F: Genesis 24:1-24

Bible Verse

²⁷God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 (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."