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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 3, 2023

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

Hymn: “ <i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i> ”	LSB 906
Invocation, Confession & Absolution (<i>left column</i>)	LSB 184-185
Kyrie	LSB 186
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit. (*sung*)

Pastor: Let us pray...Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21

(*God promises to defend Jeremiah if he repents.*)

Pastor: ¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the LORD. ²¹ “I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 12:1-8 (*Offer yourselves as living sacrifices!*)

Pastor: ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of

yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

(Losing one's life for Christ means truly finding it.)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Children's Message

Hymn: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704

Sermon: "Whenever We Get the Urge to Push" Romans 12:1-8

Offertory: "Create in Me"

LSB 192-193

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Distribution/Hymns

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

LSB 688

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

LSB 531

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Prayer

LSB 201

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201-202

Benediction

LSB 202

Hymn: “Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

LSB 854

Announcements

Postlude

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord’s Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are respectfully requested not to receive the sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?
2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit’s help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasures?
5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord’s Supper in this congregation, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Today's Service

Greeters: Jerry and Sandy Buchheit
 Organist: Barb Burroughs
 Acolyte: Jessalyn Head
 Elder: Tony Scholl
 Ushers: Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey,
 Dalton Head, Kenton Roth
 Audio/Visual Team: Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

This Week's Schedule

Today, Sept. 3, 2023	After Worship	Special Voters' meeting
	After Worship	Refreshments and fellowship
		A.C.T.S. collecting food bags
Mon., Sept. 4, 2023 (Labor Day)		<i>No school at UCLS</i>
		<i>No school at Saxony</i>
Tues., Sept. 5, 2023	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. St. Paul, Jackson (Home at APS)</i>
	6 p.m.	"Concordia Sings"
Wed., Sept. 6, 2023		(No morning or evening Bible Study)
Sun., Sept. 10, 2023	9 a.m.	Worship at EPC Fairgrounds (Trinity Mission Festival)
		(No worship at Concordia)
	After Worship	LYF (7 th grade welcome party)
Tues., Sept. 12, 2023	2 p.m.	LWML Executive Board
	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. IC, Jackson (Away)</i>
	6 p.m.	<i>UCLS Call Committee</i>
Wed., Sept. 13, 2023	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Esther)
Thurs., Sept. 14, 2023	Noon	Bulletin items due
	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. Trinity, Cape (Away)</i>
	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Sat., Sept. 16, 2023	TBA	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball C-Team plays in tournament at IC, Jackson</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun., Sept. 17, 2023 Harvest Home Festival	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After Worship	Board of Stewardship
	Noon	Strategic Planning Committee

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 110, one year ago – 119

As We Gather: Jesus let nothing deter him from going to the cross. No one could change his divinely mandated destiny. His sacrifice is the power that enables us to follow where he leads, no matter how difficult our crosses may seem. Even when Jeremiah doubted the Lord's intentions, God promised to deliver and redeem him. In response to our Savior's redemption, we are able to "lose" ourselves in living the Christian life which St. Paul outlines in Romans 12. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: In Matthew 16:27, Jesus says, “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St. Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in I Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matthew 19:27–30. Bottom line: your good works can’t buy you heaven, but in Christ, your good works matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord’s kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father in heaven. Let this encourage you in your faithfulness.

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your prayers – Edgar and Della Dreyer, Tillie Luckey, Flora Oberndorfer, and Elaine Ruehling.

Please welcome Rev. Ken Sievers as he fills in today for Pastor Hoemann, who is on vacation through September 10. If you have need for pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Frank Lucas at 734-735-8613.

“The Voice of Missouri” (August issue) is available on-line at <https://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/August-Voice-2023.pdf>. You may also subscribe to **“The Voice of Missouri”** at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>.

Harvest Home Sunday is Sept 17, 2023. We thank and praise God for the bountiful harvest he richly bestowed on us this year. The Concordia LWML would like to decorate our sanctuary with some of that bounty. If you are willing, please bring flowers, produce, canned goods, etc., to the church building in time for the decorating, which will happen September 14. If you do not want your items back, please let Amy Hoemann or Kathy Schlichting know. They will arrange for those items to be shared with others who would appreciate them. Otherwise, make sure to take your items home with you after worship on Sunday, September 17. Thank you!

Did you know: 1. That by age 25, only 25% of children raised “in the Church” remain active “in the Church?” (*Search Institute*) And by age 30, only 20% of children raised “in the Church” remain active “in the Church?” (*Barna Group*)
2. That on Saturday, October 7, you have a fantastic opportunity—whether you’re a parent, grandparent, or even newlyweds who hope to be parents someday—to better equip yourself to teach the Christian faith to your children and/or grandchildren? **“Passing the Promise”** will be held 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Hanover Lutheran Church, 2949 Perryville Rd., Cape Girardeau. Lunch and childcare will be provided, and there is no cost to you to attend this event. **Presenter is Dr. Mart Thompson of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.** The goal for this day is to help you, as a parent or grandparent, to better do what God has called and gifted you to do: to make your home a place where disciples are raised. This aligns with one of our congregation’s core values: **Christian education--training our children to know and love the Lord**, and one of our 2023 goals, create a plan for family discipleship. Register at: passingthepromise@hanoverlutheran.com by Monday, October 2, and let them know that you intend to participate.

If you are a Thrivent member, you can now direct your CHOICE dollars to Concordia, with the intent of having them go towards the Hall renovation project. In case you didn’t know, all gifts given for the Hall project after August 1 will be matched by funds from our Concordia endowment, up to \$15,000. So, now is the time to direct your CHOICE dollars for that specific purpose. Go to [Thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com) and direct your dollars yourself, or contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060, and she can do it for you. After that is accomplished, please notify our treasurer, Derek Miesner (concordia.treas@att.net or 573-576-7841) and let him know the number of dollars you have directed towards the Hall renovation.

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 573-824-6060.

Please continue to pray for the vacant congregations in the Altenburg Circuit: Trinity, Altenburg; Trinity, Friedheim; Immanuel, New Wells; and for our search for the next principal at UCLS.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is continuing to collect aluminum cans as a fundraiser. If you have any cans you would like to donate, please place them in garbage bags (tied/closed) in the storage shed on the picnic grounds. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Saxon Lutheran Memorial Notes

Pre-fall festival apple butter cooking will be Saturday, September 30, at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial. Kettle fires will be lit at 5:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to stir apple butter, fill jars, and clean up. No experience necessary. Come for an hour or the whole day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Fall Festival will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, October 14.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m., Friday, September 8, in the Hanover Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2949 Perryville Rd, Cape Girardeau. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HanoverLutheran to schedule an appointment.

The Zion, Crosstown, picnic will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, September 9. Fried fish, pulled pork, and German potato salad are among the items on the menu. A washer tournament will begin at 4:30 p.m. Live music by East End Blend will be from 6-10 p.m. Toys and games will be available for the kids.

A Benefit Supper will be held 4-7 p.m., next Sunday, September 10, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds in Altenburg. The supper will include fish and all the trimmings for a free-will donation (drive-thru only). The supper is sponsored by the Altenburg and Cape Zone Lutheran Laymen's League. Proceeds will be divided between the Altenburg and Cape Zone LLL Scholarship Fund; United in Christ Lutheran School, Frohna; Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville; and Saxony Lutheran High School.

Learn to play a mountain dulcimer! Joyful Strings meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N. Cape Rock Drive, Cape Girardeau. For more information, contact Shirley Raines (573-270-3200 or s.raines@live.com).

The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum will be hosting its 7th Biennial Immigration History Conference Thursday-Saturday, October 26-28. Sarah Schilling Ruhland, an executive with Anheuser-Busch who can trace her roots back to Perry County, will be the banquet speaker. The new ambassador at the Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Jennie Williamson, will provide musical entertainment. Visit the website, lutheranmuseum.com, for more information.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

Celebrate 50 years of LFCS serving Southeast Missouri! Join LFCS at its open house and 50th anniversary Honor Wall unveiling 4-7 p.m., Thursday, September 7, at the LFCS Southeast Office, 3178 Blattner Dr, Cape Girardeau. For more information, contact Christy O'Neal (573-380-5277 or Christy.oneal@lfcs.org).

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Finish the book of Acts and begin I Peter on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), study Leviticus 7-11 on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on *The Coffee Hour* (9 a.m., this Wednesday, September 6). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in his life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers, etc." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 15)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

Bible Stories

09/04 -- M: No School (Labor Day)
09/05 -- Tu: Genesis 9:1-17
09/06 -- W: Genesis 11:1-9
09/07 -- Th: Genesis 12:1-20
09/08 -- F: Genesis 13:1-18

Bible Verse

¹²"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

Catechism

The 4th Commandment and meaning:
Honor your father and your mother.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.