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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 5, 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn: "Oh, Come, Little Children" (Tune: IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET)

Oh, come, little children, and listen to me.
The fear of the Lord I will teach unto thee.
Just taste and you'll see that the Lord, good is He!
If you will take refuge in Him, blest you'll be!

Oh, fear the good Lord, all His saints. Don't you see
That all who will fear Him contented shall be?
Young lions may suffer and search for more food,
But those who the Lord seeks will have all things good.

Sing glory to God, Father, Son, Spirit, Three;
In time and eternity holy is He.
Oh, come, little children, and listen to me.
The fear of the Lord I will teach unto thee.

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

People: and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pastor: Let the wise hear and increase in learning

People: and the one who understands obtain guidance.

Fathers: Hear, my child, your father's instruction,

Mothers: and forsake not your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 9:10; 1:5, 8)

Prayer

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

(Teach your children diligently.)

Pastor: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Right side: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Left side: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Pastor: You shall teach them diligently to your children,

Right side: and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

Left side: and when you walk by the way,

Right side: and when you lie down,

Left side: and when you rise.

Pastor: You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Right side: You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Left side: And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you---

Right side: with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—

Left side: and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Pastor: It is the LORD your God you shall fear.

Right side: Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear.

Left side: You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you

Right side: for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—

Left side: lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin & Forgiveness (Part 1)

Pastor: Let us confess our failure to heed the instruction of the Lord. We know that we are to love You, Lord, with all that we are, and all that we possess.

People: We confess that we have been swayed by the false gods of this world, wasting our time on acquiring things and pleasing ourselves instead of spending time teaching each other the fear of the Lord. **Forgive us, gracious God!**

Pastor: Father, we recognize that You have entrusted us to each other—in our families and congregation—where we are to use every means possible to teach about You and Your infinite mercy in Christ.

People: We confess that we have listened to the voices of this world and let them drown out Your precious Gospel. **Forgive us, gracious God!**

Pastor: For Jesus' sake, our heavenly Father has promised us an eternal Promised Land, full of more than physical buildings and food for the stomach. He offers full and unconditional pardon to all who repent and trust in His mercy. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of the Lord our God.

People: Amen!

Hymn: "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861

Epistle Reading

II Peter 3:18

(God desires us to grow in faith.)

Pastor: ¹⁸ Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and forever! Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Confession & Forgiveness (Part 2)

Pastor: We now confess our failure to live out our baptismal faith. Holy Spirit, we acknowledge, with joy and thanks, the gift of saving faith given to us in Baptism.

People: But all too often, we have not lived as members of the Body of Christ; instead as citizens of this fallen world. Forgive us, gracious Lord!

Pastor: We give You thanks, heavenly Father, because You have given the promise of eternal life to us and our families.

People: But we confess that we have let the power of that promise diminish, as the cares of this world weigh us down. Forgive us, gracious Lord!

Pastor: God's Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion are powerful and real! With the faith given you in Baptism, may the Holy Spirit open your ears, eyes, and hearts to the grace poured out in you in Jesus Christ. Know and believe that you are a forgiven child of God.

People: Amen.

UCLS 1ST-2ND Graders Sing "Jesus Loves Me"

Alleluia & Verse (Proverbs 2:6)

Pastor: Alleluia! For the LORD gives wisdom;

People: from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:13-16

(Let the children come to Jesus.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession & Forgiveness (Part 3)

Pastor: Let us confess our failure to include everyone—children, adults, friends, and those we don't know—in our congregation's worship, fellowship, and outreach.

People: We confess that we have been content to have only our needs met, Lord. We have preferred ministries and practices that are familiar and comfortable, over those which might be more challenging and welcoming. Forgive us for our narrowness of vision.

Pastor: We give thanks, Lord Jesus, that You have received us into Your embrace, just as You received the infants and children during Your earthly ministry.

People: By Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to those whom we have ignored, so that we will declare to them Your gracious Word of mercy and forgiveness.

Pastor: Just as our heavenly Father has used the saints who have gone before us to invite us into His family and instruct us in the truths of the Christian faith, so He freely forgives us our sins and uses us to increase His family of faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children's Message

Hymn: "Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

Sermon: "God Loves Growth!" II Peter 3:18

Our Commitment to Christian Education

Pastor: Our gracious God has worked faith in our hearts so that we may joyfully respond to His will and purpose. Once again, we commit ourselves to the important task of teaching the truths of the Gospel and deepening the trust we have in our Savior...Through Moses, God instructs us to teach His Word diligently to our children.

Parents: *We commit ourselves to talk of Jesus when we sit in our house, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. (Deuteronomy 6:7)*

Pastor: Through the apostle Peter, God tells us that the Gospel promise is "for you and for your children." (Acts 2:39)

Children: *We promise to trust God's Word. For Jesus' sake, He has forgiven all our sins and opened heaven to us. We will not pay attention to the "gods" of the people around us. (Deuteronomy 6:14)*

Pastor: Jesus rebuked the disciples, telling them and us to "let the children come to me, and do not hinder them." (Mark 10:14)

Teachers: *We commit ourselves to teaching the children with every means at our disposal so that they will be eager to learn about their Lord, who has declared them to be citizens of His kingdom. (Mark 10:15)*

Pastor: The promise is not only for us and our children. Peter said it is also "for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." (Acts 2:39)

ALL: We commit ourselves as a congregation to the ministry of Christian education, inviting our family, friends, neighbors, and visitors to learn about the triune God; His love, mercy, and forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised that His Word "shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11) May the Holy Spirit—at work through God's holy Word—enable us to keep the commitments we

have made today, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

+ Sacrament +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanks

The Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (*Revelation 22:20*)

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*John 20:19*)

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution/Hymns

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

LSB 864

"Oh, Blest the House"

LSB 862

"Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"

LSB 866

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Thanks

Benediction

Hymn: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

LSB 643

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:	Clifford and Kathy Stueve
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Madelyn Head
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Brandon Thurm, Garrett Hemman, Eric Barich, Jesse Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Tony Vogel, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Today, Sept. 5, 2021 Mon., Sept. 6, 2021 (Labor Day)	After Worship	Refreshments and Fellowship Pastor Hoemann's Day Off <i>No School at UCLS</i> <u><i>No School at Saxony</i></u>
Tues., Sept. 7, 2021	6 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Volleyball vs. Immanuel, Perryville (Home at APS)</i>
Wed., Sept. 8, 2021	7 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
	9 a.m.	Bible Study ("Staggering Love—A Conversation about Paul's Letter to the Ephesians")
Sun., Sept. 12, 2021	7 p.m.	Bible Study ("Staggering Love—A Conversation about Paul's Letter to the Ephesians")
	9 a.m.	Trinity Mission Festival at East Perry Fairgrounds
	4-7 p.m.	Altenburg and Cape Zone LLL Benefit Supper at the East Perry Fairgrounds

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 126, one year ago – 138 (Fri.-20, Sun.-118); Adult Bible Class – 19, one year ago – 14

As We Gather: Good morning and welcome to worship! Today, we focus on Concordia's second core value, Christian education. **"We are called by God to train our adults, young adults, and children to know and love Him."** While the Bible doesn't tell us about classes or unique times to teach the faith, in today's readings we learn that parents are to be teaching their children about the Lord constantly. Why? Because the Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to bring to faith people of all ages who don't know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We dare not hinder adults or children from knowing the love of Jesus. One might say that whenever we hear the Word, class is in session. God's Word is always at work, producing growth and change, the essence of true Christian discipleship.

Something to celebrate: United in Christ Lutheran School is in its 11th year of providing a Christian education for young people in our community. Overall, our congregation has had a Christian school ministry since 1841. We praise God for providing our school ministry with many fine teachers through the decades, and for the excellent Christian education thousands of students have received for 180 years.

Stewardship Standard: James 2:2 says, **"For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ..."** God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving—that is giving a proportion of our income to

the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's kingdom work.

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your thoughts and prayers – Dorene Grebing, Violet Hellwege, Flora Kassel, Tillie Luckey, Flora Oberndorfer, and Vernon Steffens.

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 led by a representative from Lutheran Hour Ministries via video. The workshop is designed to help you engage people naturally in talking about the faith. A light meal will be provided, as will child care (for a free-will offering). Anyone may attend; please invite a friend to come with you. And please RSVP to pastorclfrohna@gmail.com or call the Concordia office at 573-824-5435.

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

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Come to The East Perry County Fairgrounds in Altenburg on Saturday, October 2, to enjoy a fun-filled family day. The festivities begin with a 1.5-mile Color Run & Walk around the fairgrounds. After the run/walk, stay and enjoy concessions, beer stand, music, raffles, bingo and other yard games. Sam Barber will be providing LIVE music from Noon-2:30 p.m.! Registration for the Color Run begins at 8:30 a.m., and it will begin at 10 a.m. To sign up for the Color Run, go to "Concordia & Trinity LYF Color Run" on Facebook. Registration with a shirt is \$25 and \$20 without a shirt. 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!

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on August 19 are still available today on the south buffet.

Saxon Lutheran Memorial Notes

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

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

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

The Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown, Picnic will be this Saturday, September 11. Plate meals (barbequed pork steak or fried fish, served with two sides - German potato salad and baked beans) will be available. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fried fish, barbequed pork steaks, French fries, homemade pie, ice cream, and cold beverages will also be available. Serving begins at 4 p.m. A Corn Hole Tournament will begin at 4 p.m. Live music will be provided by Sam Barber and Austin Bachmann starting at 6:30 p.m.

A Benefit Supper, with fish and all the trimmings, will be next Sunday, September 12, with serving from 4-7 p.m. at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds, Altenburg. The meal will be carry-outs only and is sponsored by the Altenburg and Cape Zone Lutheran Laymen's League. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal with proceeds to 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, Jackson.

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

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

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 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.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ – The generosity of you, the Saints of God, has been amazing! The goal of \$12,500 for matching funds for the Torreson family has been achieved. All glory be to God, we have actually met and surpassed the \$12,500 mark! The Torresons are so incredibly thankful for the outpouring of love that they continue to receive. Thank you, thank you, thank you. A brief update on the Torresons: Pastor

Ted's tumor was benign (THANKS BE TO GOD!). Their daughter was born on August 6, and had her first heart surgery on August 12. As of right now, she will need two more surgeries after this one. Please keep in mind that the Torreson's need does not stop with this goal being met. As God puts on our hearts, we can continue to help them. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson, will continue to collect and give gifts to the Torresons as will Rev. Rod Benkendorf at Hanover Lutheran Church. We can also help with meals (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/g2vvq3>) and/or via PayPal (<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8zwXAaM95M>). Friends in Christ, thank you! Your love IS genuine as you have contributed to the needs of the saints (Romans 12).

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

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Zephaniah on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Psalm 142-144 and 9-10 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and hear stories about vocation and living boldly Lutheran on *The Coffee Hour* (weekdays at 9 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"The people you tell today are the ones who get to tell the next group of people yet to be born. Someday our children will be telling their children about their Savior, knowing God's Word and His story of grace, because you model it and share it every day. Because you put your trust in God." *Linda Buxa, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Pentecost 16)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 797 "Praise the Almighty"

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
 Yes, I will laud Him until death;
 With songs and anthems I come before
 Him

As long as He allows me breath.
 From Him my life and all things came;
 Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Bible Stories

- 09/06 -- M: No School
- 09/07 -- Tu: Exodus 31:12-18
- 09/08 -- W: Exodus 32:1-14
- 09/09 -- Th: Exodus 32:15-35
- 09/10 -- F: Exodus 34:1-10

Bible Verse

²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.
 Romans 13:2 (ESV)

Catechism

The Fourth 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."

Sermon Notes