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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, July 14, 2024

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Hymn: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

LSB 802

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Psalm 85:1-7 (*Revive us again.*)

Pastor: LORD, you were favorable to your land.

People: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of your people.

People: **You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all your wrath.

People: **You turned from your hot anger.**

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

People: **and put away your indignation toward us.**

Pastor: Will you be angry with us forever?

People: **Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

Pastor: Will you not revive us again,

People: **that your people may rejoice in you?**

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

People: **and grant us your salvation.**

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: Most merciful God, in so many ways, we deceive ourselves, believing that we are "good" while considering others to be unfit for our fellowship and your salvation. Today, we hear about the priest who would not allow words of judgment to be spoken in a house of worship. We learn of a king who executes an innocent man to save himself from public embarrassment. We listen to the account of religious people who had a difficult time understanding how those considered unclean could rightfully become inheritors of your eternal promises. In all these readings, we witness sinful people trying to prove their righteousness, at the cost of others.

ALL: At times, Lord, we are such people. Forgive us! Blot out our sins. Show us your steadfast love, for the sake of Jesus, who alone saves us from sin and death.

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people; not because our confession is so sincere or complete, but because God's steadfast love is unchanging, faithful, and just. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *"This Is the Feast"*

LSB 155

Prayer

Pastor: Gracious God, your only-begotten Son faithfully proclaimed your Word wherever he went. Help us to be faithful in our proclamation, too, even among those people who dishonor your Word. We ask that your love reaches all those for whom your Son gave his life on the cross. For Jesus lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: Amos 7:7-15 (*Amos is expelled from Bethel.*)

Lector: ⁷This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand.⁸ And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied. Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ⁹The high places of Isaac will be destroyed, and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.” ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying: ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’” ¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

(*Gentiles have also received God’s promises.*)

Lector: ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love, ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of

his glory.¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 (*The beheading of John the Baptist*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you."²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.²⁵ At once the girl hurried into the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison,²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

The Lord's Prayer—2nd & 3rd petitions (*Luther's Small Catechism*)

Pastor: Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

People: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

Pastor: How does God's kingdom come?

People: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Pastor: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

People: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that is be done among us also.

Pastor: How is God's will done?

People: God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is his good and gracious will.

Children's Message

Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842

Sermon: Week 4 "CREDO: I believe...in Jesus Christ!" The Atonement Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Offertory

LSB 159-160

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

+ Sacrament +

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *(II Timothy 4:22)*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *(Colossians 3:1)*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

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

Pastor: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now has come to us the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever. And so, we sing:

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Sanctus

LSB 161

The Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

The Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Song: “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”

Sing alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend,
Lift up your voices and sing, to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace; we are gathered as friends in this place.
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed.
Wandering aimlessly lost, unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in his mercy would save, all his people from death and the grave.
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord, teach us how to proclaim, all your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

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: David and Carla Braeuner
 Lector: Jason Klaus
 Organist: Barb Burroughs
 Acolyte: Presleigh Martin
 Elder: Tony Scholl
 Ushers: Ben Grebing, Earl Petzoldt, Cody Braeuner, Dwayne Roth
 Audio/Visual Team: Jesse Grebing, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, July 14, 2024	12-2 p.m.	Block party for Frohna-east, west, & south at Frohna Park (including LYF)
Mon., July 15, 2024		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Tues., July 16, 2024	7 p.m.	Elders
	7 p.m.	LWML
Wed., July 17, 2024	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Exodus)
Thurs., July 18, 2024	Noon	Bulletin items due
Fri., July 19, 2024		August calendar items due
Sat., July 20, 2024	5:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun., July 21, 2024	8 a.m.	Bible Study (The Apostles' Creed)
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	After worship	Board of Stewardship

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-132 (106-in person, 26-online), one year ago-112; Bible Study-11

As We Gather: Today, "CREDO: I believe...in the Atonement," part four of our summer sermon series, stays within the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed. The focus is the word "atonement." What does it mean? Why is the Atonement so important for us? Today, we find out. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Amos 7:8 says, "And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.'"

In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity towards us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond, in kind, toward others.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: We hear with reverence and awe, with joy and thanksgiving, a reading from one of the four accounts of Jesus' life and message; his death and resurrection. **THE GOSPEL** reading is the climactic moment in the "Service of the Word." It is surrounded, appropriately enough, by "Glory to you, O Lord," and "Praise to you, O Christ!"

We would like to thank everyone that gave their time and talent in helping produce another successful church supper. Whether you made desserts, prepared and served food, helped clean up, or gave a monetary donation, it was greatly appreciated. We served 191 carry-out and drive-thru guests and 140 sit-down guests. God's blessings! – The Concordia church supper committee

Concordia Church Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 23.

Concordia Voters will meet after worship, Sunday, July 28.

Did you know...if you are 70 ½ 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 a 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.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

UCLS is seeking a candidate to supervise children before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. Please contact Ashley Ponder at unitedinchristprincipal@gmail.com or call the UCLS school office at 573-824-5218 if you are interested in this position.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Trinity Lutheran Church in Friedheim would like to invite Pastor Hoemann, Amy, and the Concordia congregation to join us so we can show our appreciation for helping us out the last two years during our pastoral vacancy. There will be a meal at Trinity Lutheran Hall at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 21. You are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Trinity church picnic, sponsored by Trinity Adults in Christ, will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 21, at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds in Altenburg. Pork steak or catfish fillet plates will be available. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade pies and ice cream, and ice-cold refreshments are also on the menu. (EPC men's fast-pitch softball games begin at 4 p.m.)

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Zechariah 4-8 on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); study Luke 8-11 on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays); and study "Confession/Satisfaction" in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on *Concord Matters* (10 a.m., Saturday, July 20). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"We are each created in God's image regardless of our abilities. He has called us to be his witnesses in the world. We are blessed for life—that we might be a blessing—glorifying God in all we do. Because he has redeemed me, my response to his everlasting love is to seek to do his will in all things and seek to serve. All his children, regardless of age (pre-born to wise with age), could seek to share God's love with each and every soul God has created." *Lori Solyom, Director of Development, Voice of Care – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*