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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 7, 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Song: “My Country ’Tis of Thee” (“Concordia Sings”)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution: Psalm 142 (*A prayer of David*)

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

People: Heavenly Father, we come to you today, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all our sins.

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk, they have hidden a trap for me.

People: We come to you seeking strength when we are weary and relief from the traps of sin—its rebellion, arrogance, and disobedience.

Pastor: Look to the right and see; there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains for me; no one cares for my soul.

People: Gracious Father, you alone provide safe haven in the midst of a broken world. Grant us hope and peace for life everlasting, amidst all the strife.

Pastor: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

All: Almighty God, hear our cries for mercy; set us free from the sins that entangle us, and bestow on us your bountiful grace and forgiveness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God has set us free. Jesus says in John 8, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (*John 8:36*) In dying on the cross and rising again, Christ has set us free from the bondage of sin, death, and the grave. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Lord of time and God of history, we ask you to keep our nation and its leaders under your care. It is by your grace and blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom. Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our community, and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good of all. We ask this in the name the One who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:1-21 (*Wisdom for all who govern justly*)

Pastor: ¹ Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; ³ beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: ⁴ “To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. ⁵ You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it. ⁶ Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. ⁷ My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. ⁸ All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. ⁹ To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge. ¹⁰ Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, ¹¹ for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹² “I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. ¹³ To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. ¹⁴ Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power. ¹⁵ By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; ¹⁶ by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth. ¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. ¹⁸ With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. ¹⁹ My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, ²¹ bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasuries full. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

LSB 717

New Testament: Romans 13:1-10

(*God's mask of governing authorities*)

Pastor: ¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the

wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" [LW 501]

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

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Gospel: Mark 12:13-17 (*Loyalty to church and state*)

Pastor: ¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to

them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."
And they were amazed at him. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 733

Sermon: Part 3 "Credo—I Believe...in Jesus Christ"

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Distribution/Hymn

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

Post-Communion Thanks & Praise: "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.

Blessing

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Song: “America the Beautiful” (Concordia Sings)

**Last verse (all): O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!**

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: Shannon Martin and Heather Kassel
Organist: Barb Burroughs
Acolyte: Nolan Head
Elder: Rick Lorenz
Ushers: Phillip Head, Garrett Head, Tim Mouser, Dusty Lorenz
Audio/Visual Team: Troy Petzoldt, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Today, July 7, 2024	After worship 2 p.m.	Refreshments and fellowship Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center
Mon., July 8, 2024		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Wed., July 10, 2024	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Exodus)
Thurs., July 11, 2024	Noon	Bulletin items due
Sat., July 13, 2024	8 a.m.	Gospel Gardeners
Sun., July 14, 2024	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 12-2 p.m.	Bible Study (The Apostles' Creed) Worship with Holy Communion Block party for Frohna- east, west, & south at Frohna Park (including LYF)

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-138 (110-in person, 28-online); one year ago-112

As We Gather: "CREDO: I believe...in Jesus Christ!" Today is part three of our summer sermon series, highlighting what is called "the Incarnation." What does that word mean and why is the Incarnation important? That's what we will discover today. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Paul writes in II Corinthians 12:10, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities." Paul found contentment in Jesus. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing. But since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: The **NEW TESTAMENT** reading, also known as the **EPISTLE**, is a reading from one of the apostolic letters that help us to understand how the first Christians interpreted and applied to themselves the life, death, and resurrection message of Jesus Christ, under the Holy Spirit's inspiration. From them, we receive instruction in applying the Gospel to our Christian life.

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your prayers – Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Carl Jenny, Tillie Luckey, Mahela Lueders, Jean Mueller, Flora Oberndorfer, and Elaine Ruehling.

The floral arrangements at the altar are given in praise to our Lord for the blessings bestowed on Julie Petzoldt as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow; and for Mike and Alicia Anderle and Todd and Tammy Petzoldt, both couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. The flowers are from Julie's garden.

Today, after worship, we have our monthly refreshment/fellowship time. Just a reminder that all proceeds gathered go to the Concordia Seminary-St. Louis food pantry, so thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Block Party for Frohna-east, west, and south will be noon-2 p.m., Sunday, July 14, in Frohna Park. Concordia members who want to participate are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Meat, chips, and drinks will be furnished. Special invites have

been extended to people who, to the best of our knowledge, are not connected to Jesus and his Church.

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

The UCLS apple tree is back! It's hard to believe, but we are halfway through the summer. There are apples and angels on the tree this year. The apples have school and office supplies on them. The angels are new this year, and the monetary donation will be used to help offset tuition and lunch bills for families in need and other needs as they arise. Thank you for generously supporting our school ministry!

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Eisleben Lutheran Church and Scott City SCIPP (Supporting Community Involvement Partnership Program) will have a free health and awareness fair for senior citizens 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, July 8. Booths will be set up with free health information for seniors. A free lunch will be provided. There will be blood pressure screenings, information about hearing loss and tinnitus, pharmacy services, home health, and advanced directives. A notary will also be available. Door prizes will be drawn for seniors that visit every booth.

The 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 KFUO.org: finish studying Haggai and begin Zechariah on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); study Luke 6-8 on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays); and study "Confession and Satisfaction" in the "Apology of the Augsburg Confession" on *Concord Matters* (10 a.m., Saturday, July 13). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"Know that you too have been called to serve on behalf of life, at such a time as this. God equips you, and you will be in awe of what he is able to do in and through you. The best part is he had it planned in the beginning (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10). May you be blessed as you continue to serve life in his image!" *Jordan Killinger, President of Rice for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*