

Concordia Lutheran Church

“A Christian family who cares for one another”

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Our Mission: "To be united in Word and Sacrament through the regular worship of the Triune God and the study of His Word, we at Concordia Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Missouri are called to reach out in love and service to this community with the message of free grace, love and salvation found only in Christ Jesus."

To our Guests...Regarding Holy Communion

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The apostle Paul encourages us: *“Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”* 1 Cor. 11:28

Participation in the Lord’s Supper at our altar is an expression of the faith confessed at our altar. We ask that those who plan to partake of our Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith be:

- Baptized Christians;
- Who have received instruction in the Biblical teaching of the Lord’s Supper as taught by the Lutheran church;
- Who are truly sorry for their sins, and believe that the true body and blood of Christ are received with the bread and the wine, according to Christ’s plain words.

Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and subscribes to the confession of faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church recorded in the Book of Concord of 1580.

For those who doubt, or are unsure of their confession of faith, we ask that you refrain from participation until you have spoken with the pastor, who is eager to talk with you.

We offer Communion wine in either the individual cup or the chalice at every Communion service. Nonalcoholic wine fills the cups in the middle of each tray. If you wish to drink from the chalice (common cup), please do not take an individual cup, which comes first. The chalice will follow.

Please note: If you are suffering physical limitations, please come forward to the first pew on either side of the sanctuary and The Lord’s Supper will be served there.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 25, 2008

10:00 AM

(Worship Service with Holy Communion – page 178)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

GREETING AND WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Built on the Rock” 291 LW

Please stand.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As we make confession, we may remain standing, sit or kneel. In preparation for our confession, we silently reflect on God's Word and take this opportunity for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT OF THE DAY *All stand and join in chanting the Introit.*



Be my rock of refuge,*
a strong fortress to save me.

How great is your goodness,*
which you have stored up for those
who fear you,
which you bestow in the sight of men*
on those who take refuge in you.

Love the Lord, all his saints! *
The Lord preserves the faithful,
but the proud he pays back in full.
Be strong and take heart,*
all you who hope in the Lord.

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

Be my rock of refuge,*
a strong fortress to save me.

*(Antiphon, Ps. 31:2b;
Ps. 31:19, 23-24)*

KYRIE *(chanted page 179)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (page 182)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

All: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (*spoken*)

People: **And also with you.** (*sung*)

Pastor: We now join together in praying the collect for the day. Let us pray...

People: **O God, whose never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth, put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *Please sit.*

Lector: **THE FIRST READING** for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is from the 11th Chapter of Deuteronomy, verses 18-21, 26-28.

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Life Tree”

Lector: **THE SECOND READING** is from the 3rd Chapter of Romans, verses 21-25a, 27-28.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand

unpunished—Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. *Please stand.*

VERSE (*sung – page 184*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to St. Matthew. The 7th Chapter, verses 15-29.



People: Glory to You, O Lord.

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ. *Please sit.*

Pastor: We now join in singing “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 294 LW.

SERMON “A New Kind of Righteousness” Romans 3:21-25a, 27-28

NICENE CREED (*Stand – page 185*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things

were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Pastor: Lord in Your Mercy...

People: **Hear our prayer.** *(respond after each prayer)*

Pastor: Into your hands, o Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.** *Please sit.*

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS *(page 188)*

(As the plates are carried forward, stand and sing.)

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PREFACE *(spoken – page 189)*

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:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

(sung) **God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

People: Amen

Pastor: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

People: And also with you

AGNUS DEI *(Sung by all – page 191)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(The distribution hymns have printed for your convenience, feel free to bring your bulletin with you so you may sing along, as you wait on line for your turn at the communion rail.)

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" 783 WOV

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

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1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Stand – page 192)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

(To be sung twice, choir only the first time, congregation joins the second time through.)

May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep you forever.
Make his face shine on you,
And to you grant his favor.
And may He look upon you today
With His grace and love you.
May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” 289 LW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Let's Pray This Week:

Our world and nation: Help us to fix Your Words in our hearts and minds; help us to remember that there is a difference between the people that hear and walk away... and those who hear and obey. Help us to remember that the test isn't found in our saying "Lord, Lord." The test is: "will we do the will of the Father in Heaven?" Hearing the Word of God is not enough. Selective obedience is not obedience at all. Lord; Help us to be wise builders... Help us to receive Christ in Word and Sacrament... Help us to hear, trust and obey! WE pray that you would guide us in our action and forgive us our failures – ever washing us clean in the blood of Jesus. May the work that you have called us to do be completed and the lost be led unto salvation through Christ Jesus. Accept our prayers for all the Churches of the LCMS, Lutheran Blind Mission, and the Paul family and for the mission of the Hoech's to the Dungan people. Amen.

People in need of hope and healing: Aaron R... Donna L... PJ L... John B... Kerry S... Karl K... Scott F...

People who celebrate birthdays this week: Mark S...

People who mourn: family of Dennis Thompson...

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the 1st anniversary in heaven of Madeline Smith.

Serving in God's House This Day

Preacher:	Rev. John Rhoads
Liturgist:	Rev. Lew Ensor
Organist:	Russ Henkhaus
Altar Guild:	Diane D
Lay Reader:	Kathy P
Ushers:	Jeff S, Richard C, Dale S & Gary W

Below are the various events hosted by our church in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to attend these activities and we hope you'll attend. If you need more information or have questions, please call the contact numbers listed with each activity or call the church office at (314) 647-1215.

This Week at Concordia

Today: 8:45 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Monday: *Memorial Day (Office Closed)*

Tuesday: 6:00 PM – Board of Education meeting

Wednesday: 12:30 PM – Staff meeting

Sunday: 8:45 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Our Responses To God's Love Last Week

Sunday Worship 10:00AM 58 Communed 43
Sunday School – 0 & Adult Bible Class – 6

Attention Kids Weekly Bulletins are especially prepared for you and are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. There are two formats, one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12. Pick up a copy for yourself each Sunday.

Our Church Staff need your continual prayers for them and their families. Remember them in your daily prayers. They are: Pastor Lew Ensor... Pastor John Rhoads... organist, Russ Henkhaus... secretary, Tina M... custodian, Zach H...

Ascension Lutheran Church Rummage Sale to benefit the children of Lt. Robert Cooney, a St. Louis City policeman, who passed away suddenly on February 19, 2008 due to a tragic accident at home. All proceeds will be applied toward tuition assistance for the Cooney children for the 2008-2009 school year: Sarah, a freshman at Lutheran High South and Sean, a 6th grader at Word of Life Lutheran School. The sale will be held in the Word of Life School gym at 6535 Eichelberger on **June 7, 2008**, from **8:00 am to 3:00 pm**. From 2:00-3:00 there will be a \$1.00 bag sale. Won't you come and find some "good junk" while supporting this worthwhile cause. Matching funds have been approved through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Mark Your Calendars! Concordia will hold VBS July 13 – 17 (Sunday – Thursday). Watch the Bulletin and Newsletter for volunteer positions available. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move our congregation members to serve Him in this important outreach to the children in our community. Questions? Please contact Tina M at (314) 647-1215.