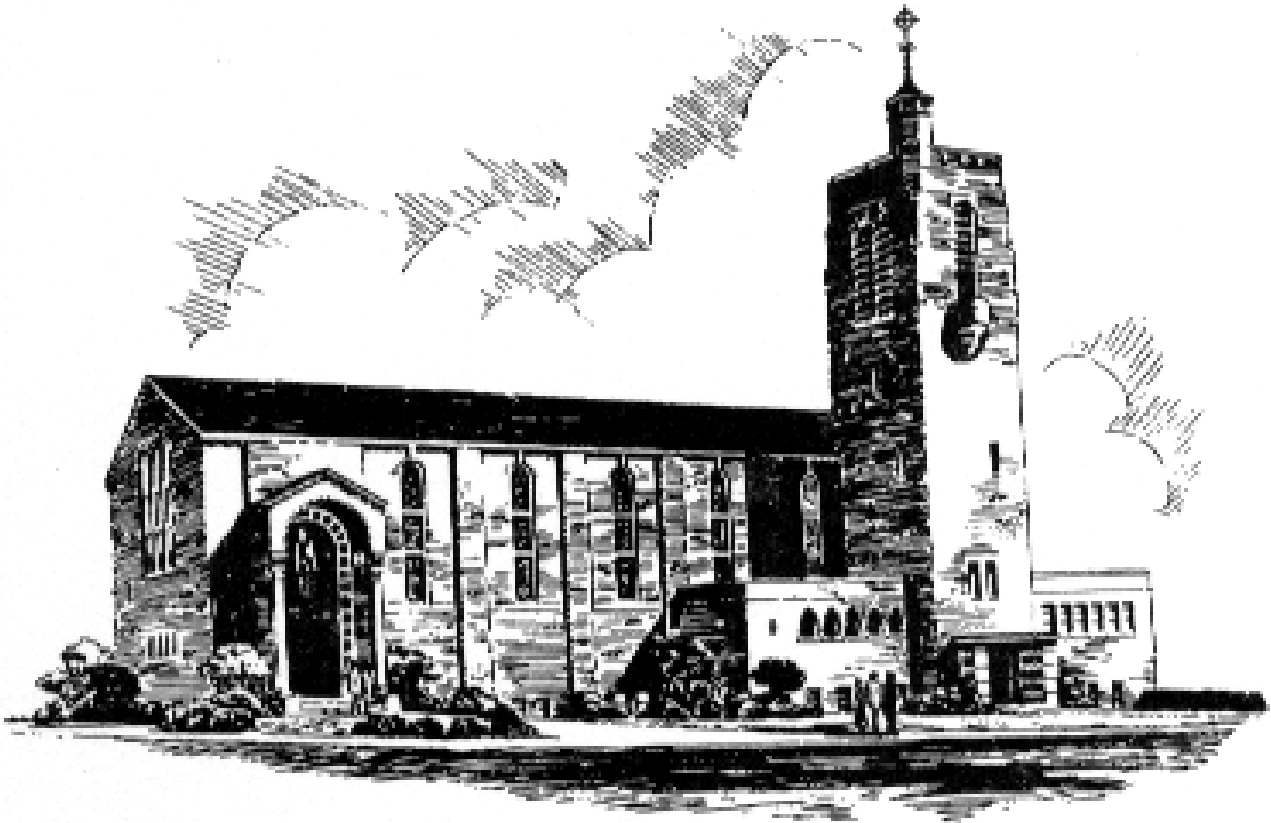


Concordia Lutheran Church

“A Christian family who cares for one another”

June 1, 2008 – 10:00 AM



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 1, 2008

10:00 AM (Worship Service with Holy Communion – pg. 158 LW)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

GREETING AND WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” 444 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.*)



Serve the Lord with gladness;*
come before him with joyful songs.

Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth.*

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.*

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures
forever;*

his faithfulness continues through all
generations.

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

Serve the Lord with gladness;*
come before him with joyful songs.

(*Antiphon, Ps. 100:2;*
Ps. 100)

KYRIE (*chanted- page 159*) (*The Greek words "Kyrie Eleison" mean "Lord, have mercy." We sing these words in our Divine Worship Service through a cry for mercy so that our God would hear our prayers, through our confession and we receive God's forgiveness as the Kyrie is the first prayer that we pray together in the Divine Service as God's forgiven people.*)

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 161*)

People: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you have commanded; 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost is from the 5th Chapter of Hosea, verses 15-6:6.

Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” “Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: **THE SECOND READING** is from the 4th Chapter of Romans, verses 18-25.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the

promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

VERSE (*sung- page 164*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia. *Please stand.*

Pastor: **THE HOLY GOSPEL** *according to St. Matthew. The 9th Chapter, verses 9-13.*

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and “sinners” came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Pastor: We now join in singing “Chief of Sinners, Though I Be” 348 LW.

SERMON

“Mercy, Not Sacrifice” *Matthew 9:9-13*

NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*) (*The Latin word “Creed” means “I believe.” A Creed is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess. The creeds of the church proclaim a living and wonderful faith that comes from God.*)

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

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

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

PREFACE *(spoken)*

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, Hosanna, 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 172*)

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. *Please sit.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*The distribution hymns have been printed on the following pages 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 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down Your head up - on my breast."
 The liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; Stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing - place, And he has made me glad.
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not where to look for aid;
 2 Our com-fort then is this a - lone: That we may meet be - fore your throne
 3 For you have made a prom - ise true To par - don those who flee to you,
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our woes be - fore you lay;

When days and nights of anx-i-ous thought No help or coun-sel yet have brought,
 And cry to you, O faith - ful God, For res - cue from our sor-ry lot.
 Through him whose name a - lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 For sore - ly tried, cast down, we stand, Per-plexed by fears on ev-'ry hand.

5 Oh, from our sins hide not your face;
 Absolve us through your boundless grace!
 Be with us in our anguish still!
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill!

6 So we with all our hearts each day
 To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
 Then walk obedient to your Word,
 And now and ever praise you, Lord.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Please stand – page 173*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all 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.

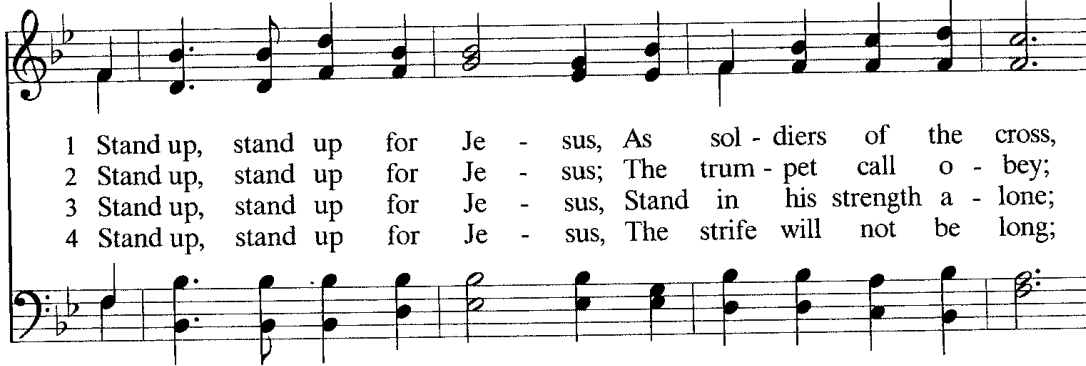
BENEDICTION

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

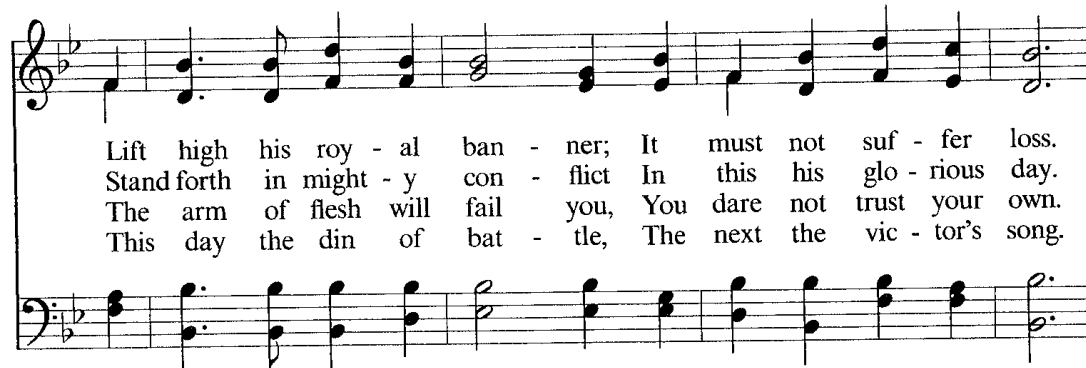
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

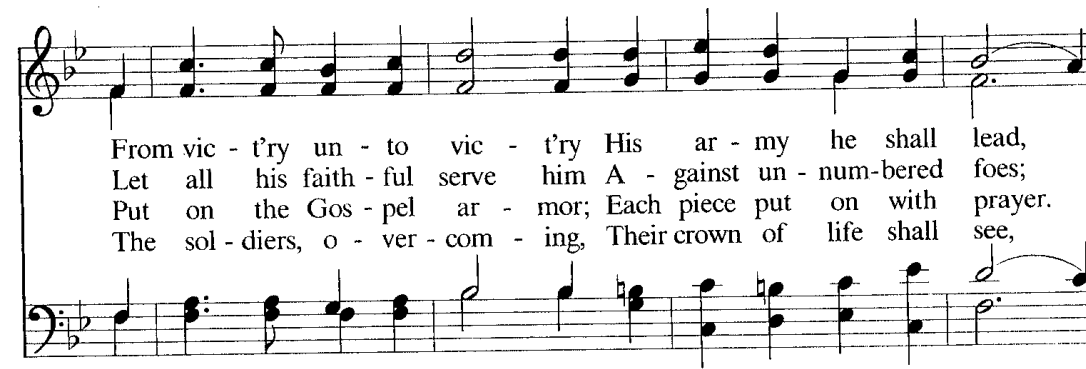
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” 389 LBW



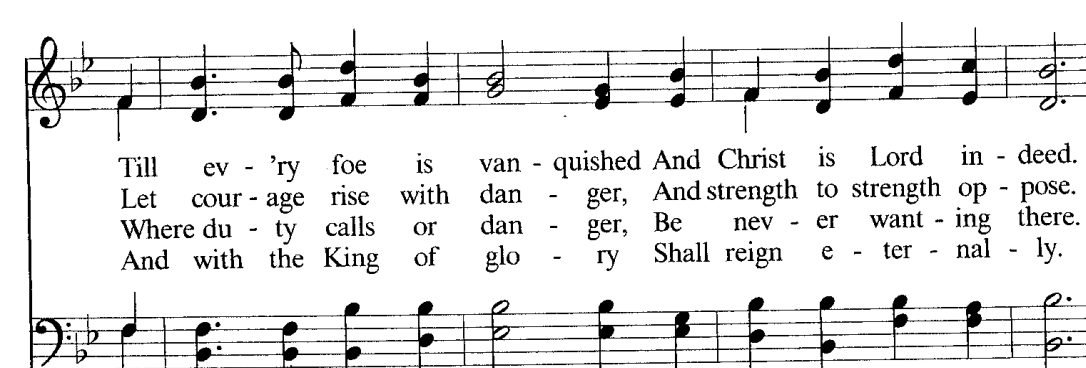
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, As sol - diers of the cross,
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see,



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Let's Pray This Week:

Our world and nation: We ask that God would guard and protect our soldiers and their families. We pray for a good and quick end to all hostilities around the world. Help us to focus on Christ crucified, risen and ascended... remind us that You seek mercy and not sacrifices. Make us bold as members of our communities to see clearly and to speak for the weak and the powerless. Extend your healing touch and compassionate embrace to the sick, especially strengthen any among us who have become weak in faith. Guard those who are suffering the ravages of nature in flood and storms... we ask that you provide for all their needs and give the people faith in the power and love of the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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: Donna L... PJ L... John B... Kerry S... Karl K... Scott F... Iola K... Ceola P.. Sadie P... James F... Day family... Henry family... Ritter family... Mariah A... Eric S... Concordia Church family...

People who celebrate birthdays this week: Cecil V... Pastor Lew Ensor...

Serving in God's House This Day

Preacher:	Rev. Lew Ensor
Organist:	Russ Henkhaus
Altar Guild:	Maxine Fellhauer
Lay Reader:	Gerry F
Ushers:	Andy W, Charles V & Don J

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... organist, Russ Henkhaus... secretary, Tina Milcic... custodian, Zach H...

Our Responses To God's Love Last Week

Sunday Worship 10:00AM 50 Communed 36

Sunday School – 0 & Adult Bible Class – 8

Following 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

Tuesday: 7:00 PM – Board of Elders meeting

Wednesday: 12:30 PM – Staff meeting

Thursday: 11:00 AM – Ladies social time

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

What does “Worship” really mean? If you look in a dictionary, the word “Worship” comes from an older word “worthship.” To “worship” is to honor God’s “worthship,” according to the dictionary. This tells us something about what we do in worship. We sing, we praise, we give thanks, we honor Christ. But it doesn’t tell us the most important thing about what goes on in worship. The most important thing about worship is what Jesus gives us in His Word and Sacraments – forgiveness of sins, life and eternal salvation. That’s why we may sometimes use another word for “worship” – “Divine Service.” What makes the Divine Service so important? The word, “Divine Service,” tells us what Christ has promised to do for us in worship. He serves us His Forgiveness of sins again and again – through our Baptism, in Holy Absolution, in the reading of Holy Scripture, in the Sermon, in the Lord’s Supper, and His Benediction. What a wonderful forgiveness He gives us in the Divine Service! *Following along in the Divine Service is just like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything used in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s Salvation to us!*

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.

New Church Website Launched! We have a new website at www.concordiamaplewood.org . It includes some basic information about the church. Also, the bulletins and the newsletters are available for viewing and printing. We have

removed all private phone numbers and last names to protect privacy. It is a work in progress and you will see changes on a regular basis. We hope it will be a great benefit to the life of the church. Any questions? Contact Deborah Lee or the church office at (314) 647-1215.

Urgent Need for Disaster Funds: Myanmar Cyclone, China Earthquake

Media reports focusing on the challenges of getting international aid into Myanmar severely affected the financial response to this terrible tragedy – a catastrophic event with a death toll approaching 150,000. Similar reports about the Chinese earthquake, which killed more than 50,000, also gave the impression that funding was not urgently needed or usable. This media effect has kept our receipts at less than \$10,000. The total lives lost from these two disasters combined equals the losses from the 2004 South Asia tsunami, which produced some \$5.6 million in relief funds!

The short and long-term needs in both countries are great. The LCMS has significant contacts on the ground in both locations. In Myanmar, there are Lutheran congregations in the affected area and local people who can purchase food and other items in-country for immediate distribution. These congregations and individuals have long-standing relationships with Lutheran Hour Ministries, and at least one congregation has worked with LCMS World Relief and Human Care in the past. In China, our partner the Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod, has significant contacts in the earthquake-affected region, and LCMS World Mission personnel are working hard to assist the synod in providing aid through Christians in mainland China. LCMS World Relief and Human Care Asia Regional Director Darin Storkson is working with LCMS World Mission staff in the area. Relief efforts are focused on children, as well as partners who may be able to provide counseling to survivors and eventually rebuild worship and training centers. Long-term efforts will also help partners identify sources of clean drinking water.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care also supports its longstanding and important partner, Lutheran World Relief, Baltimore. LWR is working with Action by Churches Together (ACT), to provide aid through its open channels.

There are significant partner connections and significant need, and we encourage you and all LCMS members to support LCMS World Relief and Human Care's relief efforts. We rely on your support to provide assistance following disasters like these, and share Christ's saving love and grace in times of need. Funds are desperately needed to respond to the cyclone in Myanmar and the earthquake in China.

Mercy forever,

Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, Executive Director, LCMS World Mission

Rev. Walt Winters, Director of International Ministries, Lutheran Hour Ministries

PS: If you have recently made a gift to these disaster relief efforts, thank you!



Will you join us on the Friendship Trek Trail?

Hello, friends!

Our *Friendship Trek* Vacation Bible School needs great volunteers, and we're hoping you will help. Won't you introduce children to Jesus, our Forever Friend, by serving as a VBS volunteer? There are many positions that need to be filled and the dates are soon approaching.

Our VBS will be held Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

We provide all the resources you need, as well as *Friendship Trek* volunteer training (if needed). There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the back of the sanctuary, if you would like to volunteer today!

If you have any questions, please contact me at (314) 647-1215 (day) or (314) 703-2131 (evening).

Thanks for taking time to pray and consider this request. I look forward to speaking with you about this opportunity.

God's blessings,
Tina Milcic