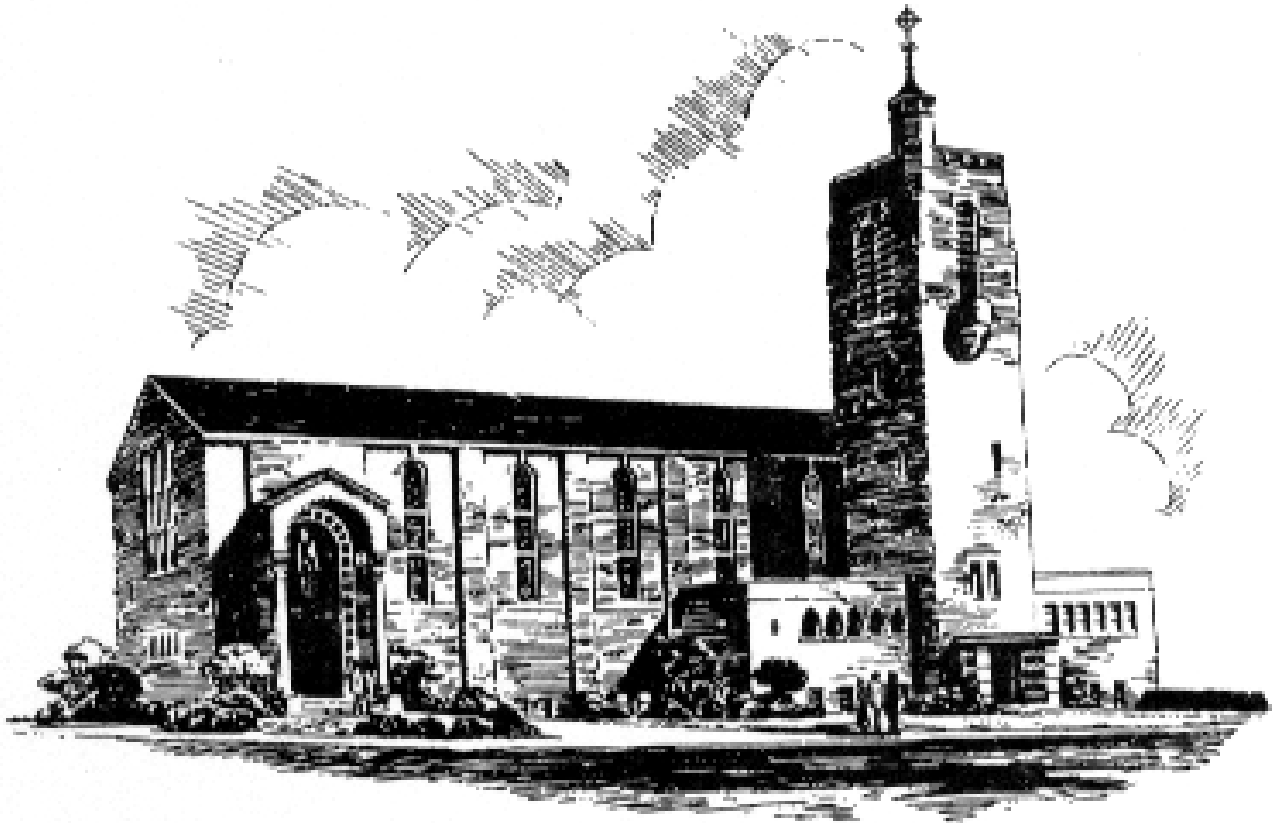


# Concordia Lutheran Church

“A Christian family who cares for one another”

June 8, 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 8, 2008

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

### TOLLING OF THE BELL

### GREETING AND WELCOME

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 276 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.*)



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)*

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; \*

**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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Exodus, verses 2-8a.

*After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.*

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Lector:** **THE SECOND READING** is from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans, verses 6-11.

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter, verses 35-10:8.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Pastor: We now join in singing "O God of Mercy, God of Light" 397 LW.

**SERMON**

"Called to Serve" *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

**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.*)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

860 HS

Dm C Am C Dm Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am/G F G Dm Dm/CG/B Am Am/G Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

Am Dm G Dm C F G

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

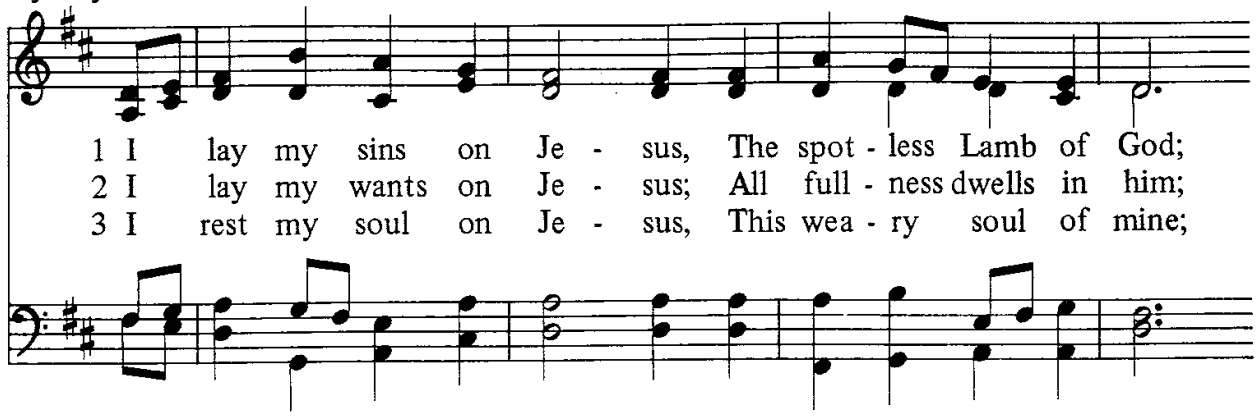
Dm G Em Dm Am Am/G F G Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

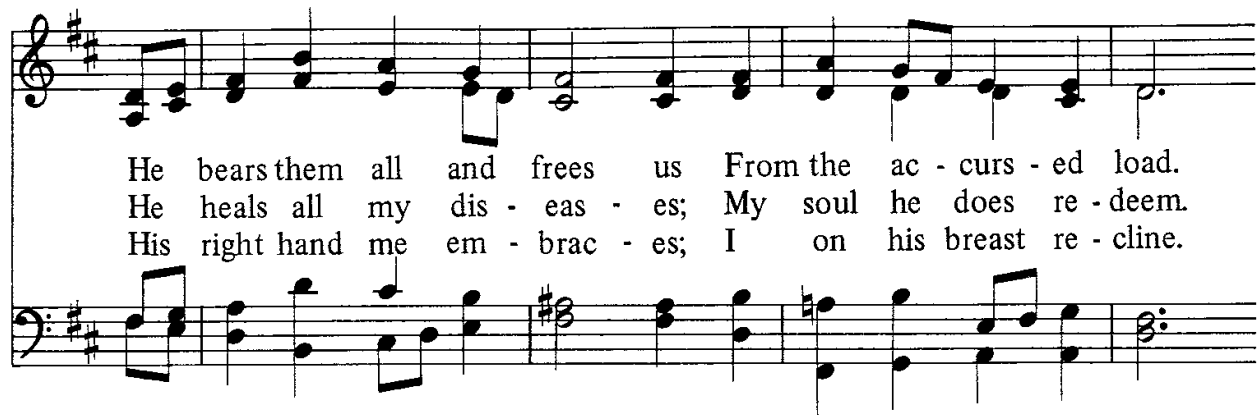
*This haunting early-American tune supports this meditative text on the love*

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"


366 LW



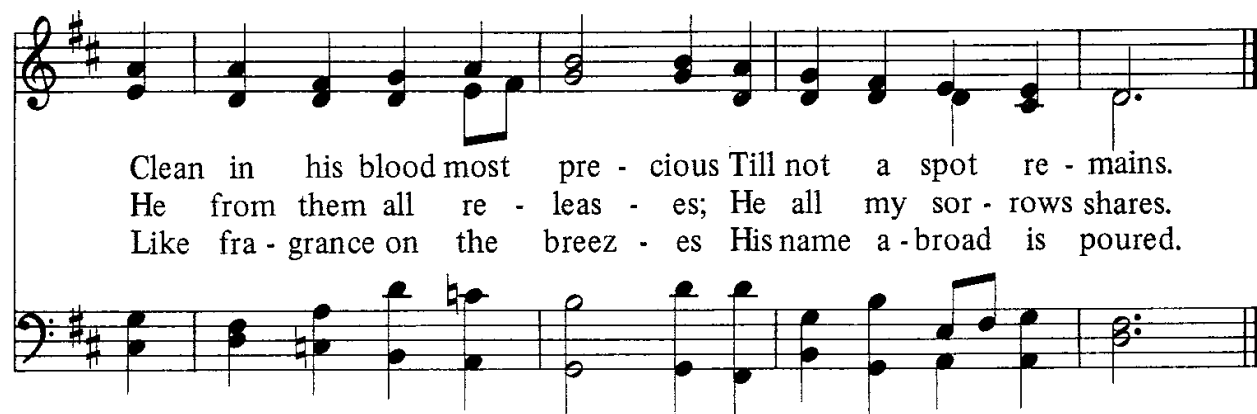
1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul he does re - deem.  
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in his blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** (*Please stand – page173*)

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**

“Onward Christian Soldiers” 518 LW

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Let's Pray This Week:**

**Our world and nation:** All praise and Glory be to our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As His Easter people we can trust in the promise that we too will rise. We pray that God would give each of us the courage to witness to the world about the savior who has come among His people so that the closed doors of our hearts might be opened. We pray for world peace and that the love of our Lord Jesus Christ might prevail. Lord help us to focus on your great gifts of grace and mercy that we have received through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for an expedient end to all war and that God would guide those working in Iraq. We pray for our soldiers and their families... Fill their hearts with the full confidence of your grace and mercy. We pray that our faith would be strengthened and that we would be led to support the missionaries of the LCMS. 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... Karl K... Iola K... Ceola P.. Sadie P... Antonio... Kacy... LaCharla... Briyana... Sherol... Kelsey & Jeff E... Pastor... Cecil V... Day family... Henry family... Vaughn family...

**Serving in God's House This Day**

Preacher:	Rev. Lew Ensor
Organist:	Peggy Kiershner
Altar Guild:	Delores G
Lay Reader:	Gary W
Greeter:	Denise W
Ushers:	Jeff S, Richard C, Dale S & Gary W

**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 47 Communed 44**  
**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**

**Monday:** 8:30 AM – SISTERS in Christ meeting (here)

**Tuesday:** 6:00 PM – Constitution Committee meeting  
7:00 PM – Church Council meeting

**Wednesday:** 12:30 PM – Staff meeting

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

**Choir will rehearse** on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on June 10, 17 & 24 for preparation of singing for Pastor John Rhoads' last with us, which will be Sunday, June 27, 2008.

**What is an acolyte?** An acolyte (A-co-lite) is the person (or persons) who light the candles before the service. The word acolyte comes from a Greek word meaning: "follower." In English, the word acolyte sometimes means "attendant." Why do we use Acolytes in the church? An acolyte wasn't always just a person who lit candles! According to history, the job of acolyte goes all the way back around A.D. 251. Acolytes have always served an important role in worship. For centuries, acolytes have attended to the service of God's people by helping the pastor in many different ways. One of these ways is lighting the candles. That's why acolytes wear robes and sit apart from the congregation – not because they are too cool for the congregation, but because they are helping the pastor in his important work. Wow! What an important job! At Concordia, children begin serving God as an acolyte when they start training for their Confirmation in 7<sup>th</sup> grade! Being an acolyte is a very important job for children to have in the church.

**New Church Website Launched!** We have a new website at [www.concordiamaplewood.org](http://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.

**Our VBS** will be held Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This year's theme is "Friendship Trek". There are many positions still to fill. We need: group leaders (these leaders guide their small group of kids from one activity to the next), kitchen helpers (to prepare the nightly snack), recreation helpers and craft helpers. Interested in serving? Contact Tina Milcic at 314-647-1215. Your support is appreciated. Do you know of a child in your neighborhood, or maybe even your family that could benefit from hearing God's Word? Invite them to attend VBS this July. Use the registration form attached on the following page. Give them the opportunity to hear how God is their friend forever through Friendship Trek VBS July 2008.

# Register me for VBS 2008



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food allergies Yes  No  (List:) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical concerns Yes  No  (Explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church membership at \_\_\_\_\_  
 People who may pick up the child \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation needed? Yes  No

For VBS Staff  
use only

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday

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