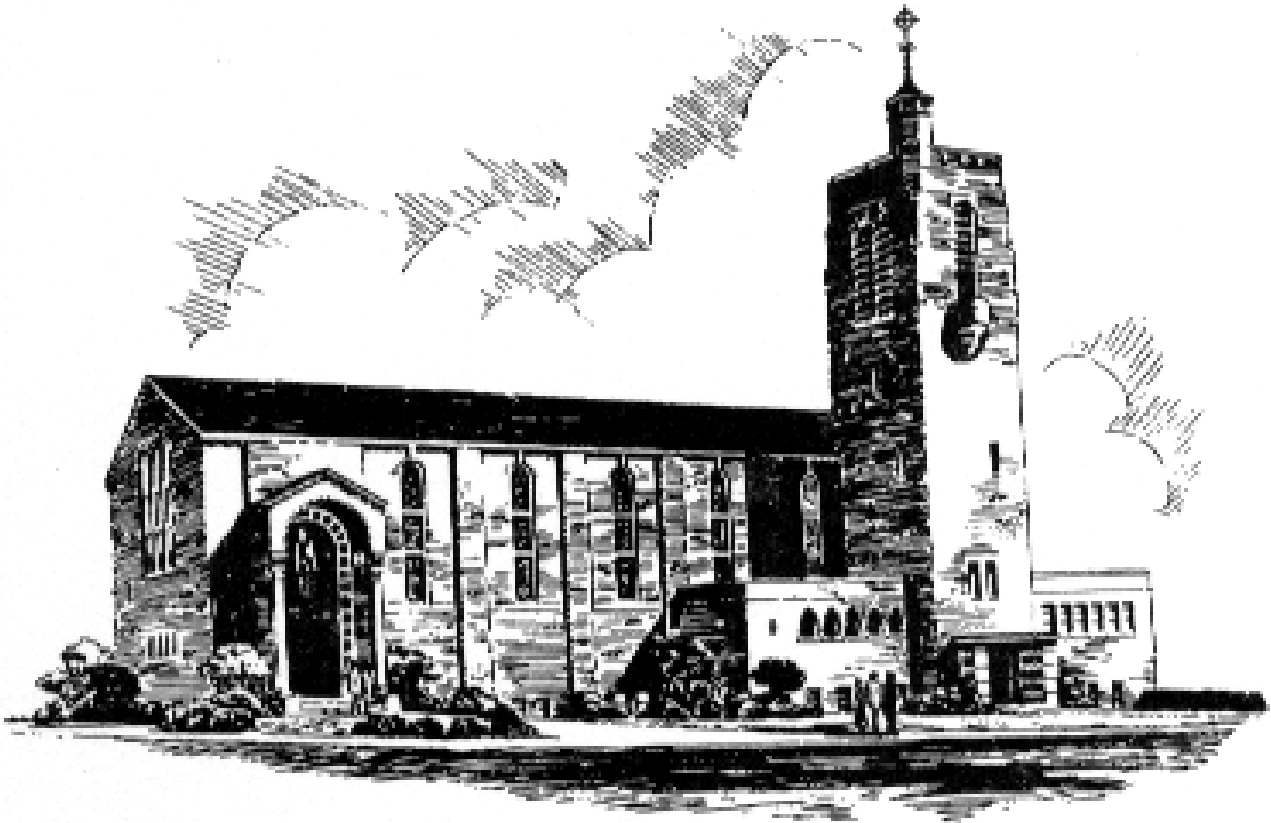


Concordia Lutheran Church

“A Christian family who cares for one another”

June 29, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2008

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

TOLLING OF THE BELL

GREETING AND WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 297 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.)*

For your name's sake, O Lord, Pre**serve my life;
In Your Righteousness, bring me out of **trouble.

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for **mercy**
In your faithfulness and righteousness come to **my relief.

Do not bring your servant into **judgement**
For no one living is righteous be**fore you

Let the morning bring me word of your un**failing love**
For I have put my **trust in you.

Glory be to the Father and **to the Son**
And to the Holy **Spirit;

As it was in the be**ginning**
Is now, and will be forever. **Amen

For your name's sake, O Lord, pre**serve my life**
In your righteousness, bring me out of **trouble.

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: Grant, Lord, that the course of this world may be so governed by your direction that your Church may rejoice in serving you in godly peace and quietness; 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 9th Chapter of Jechariah, verses 9-12.

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“This Is the Call”

Lector: **THE SECOND READING** is from the 7th Chapter of Romans, verses 15-25a.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is

not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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 11th Chapter, verses 25-30.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Pastor: We now join in singing “Rise to Arms’ with Prayer Employ You” 303 LW.

SERMON “Encouragement in the Midst of Battle” *Romans 7:15-25a*

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

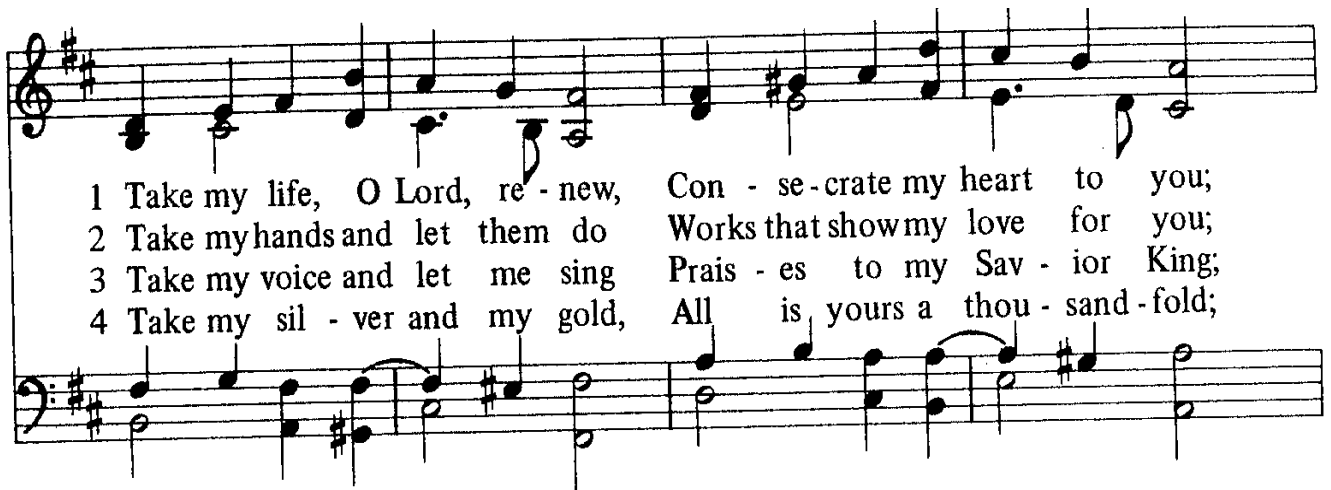
AGNUS DEI (*Sung by all – page 172*)

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

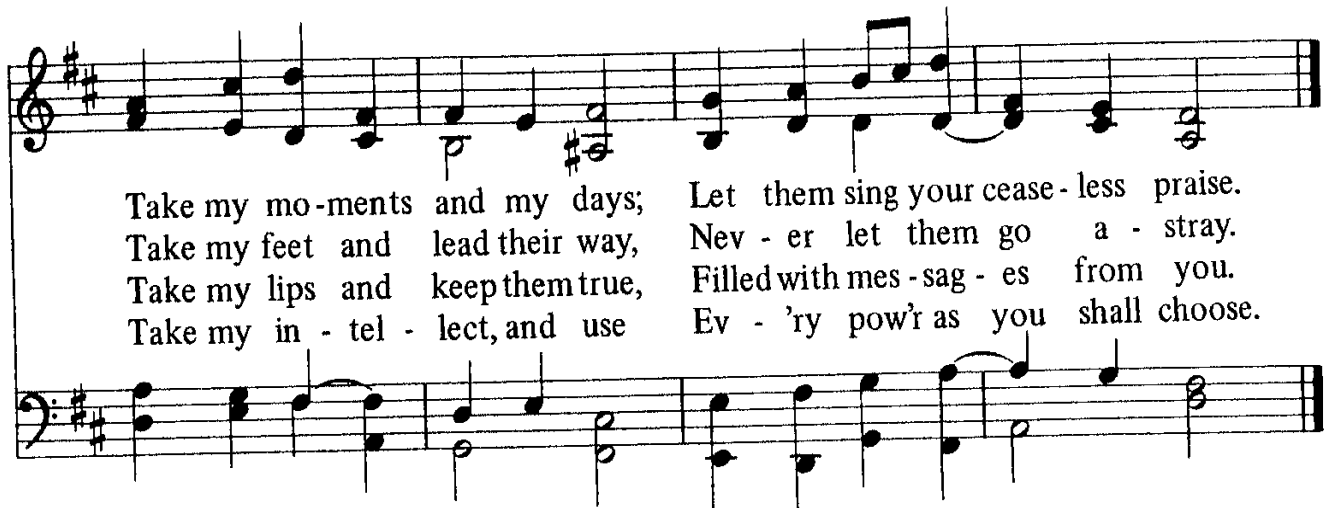
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

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 Take my life, O Lord, re - new, Con - se - crate my heart to you;
2 Take my hands and let them do Works that show my love for you;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Prais - es to my Sav - ior King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, All is yours a thou - sand - fold;



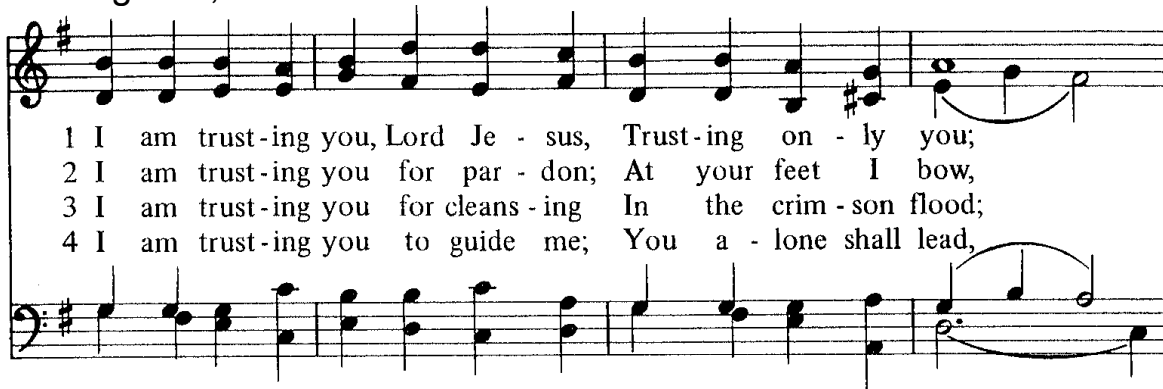
Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them sing your cease - less praise.
Take my feet and lead their way, Nev - er let them go a - stray.
Take my lips and keep them true, Filled with mes - sag - es from you.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as you shall choose.

5 Make my will your holy shrine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is your own;
It shall be your royal throne.

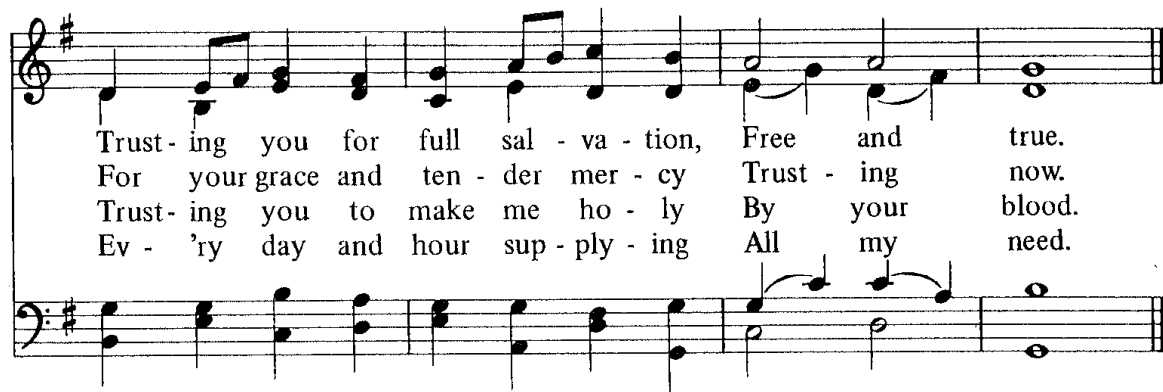
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At your feet its treasure store;
Take my self, Lord, let me be
Yours alone eternally.

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

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1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust-ing on - ly you;
2 I am trust-ing you for par - don; At your feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing you for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; You a - lone shall lead,



Trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
For your grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing you to make me ho - ly By your blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
You can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory” 398 LW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Let's Pray This Week for:

Our world and nation: We pray that God would bless each of us, our nation and it's leaders at all levels. As we approach the 232 celebration of this nations independence, guide us that we might remember to thank our gracious God for the blessings of this land. Lead us to repent of our misuse of these blessings, and in the power of God's mercy, work together to protect the God given rights of everyone. We pray that God would bring His true peace in Christ to every corner of our world so that all may live in harmony with Him and with one another. 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 LeMoine... PJ Link... Kerry Smith... Mary Towers... John Blum... Loraine Garner... Iola King... Ceola Priest... Sadie Priest... LaCharla... Linda Pryor... Day family... Henry family... King family... Smith family... Vaughn family...

People who celebrate birthdays this week: Alexis Sterba... Betty Reel... Jonathan Luther... Joshua Luther... Denise Woodruff...

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of the 50th Birthday of William C. McCarver, Jr., by his mother, Ruth McCarver.

Serving in God's House This Day

Preacher:	Rev. Lew Ensor
Organist:	Russ Henkhaus
Altar Guild:	Diane Drieke
Lay Reader:	Gerry Friton
Ushers:	Andy Woodruff, Charles Vaughn & Don Jensen

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 Hoffman...

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: *Armed Forces Sunday*
8:45 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:45 AM - Voter's Assembly

Tuesday: 7:00 PM – Board of Elders meeting

Wednesday: 12:30 PM – Staff meeting

Thursday: Office Closed
11:00 AM – Ladies Social Time

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

No more bread from St. Louis Bread Company! The St. Louis Galleria store is closing. At this time, we will no longer have a location to pick up leftover bread from. Many thanks, to our members, who have delivered it to Concordia each week.

What is a “Psalm”? If you try to open a Bible at the middle, you might just end up in the Book of Psalms. The word “psalm” is a Greek which is taken from the Hebrew words meaning “praises” and “prayers.” This tells us exactly what the psalms are – praises and prayers to God. *Why would we sing psalms in church on Sundays?* Many of the psalms were written for us to use in worship. Christians have been singing psalms to the Lord since the days of Jesus. As a matter of facts, psalms were usually sung during Old Testament times in the Jewish temple. Instruments would play along, a choir might sing, and the congregation would respond to the psalms with refrains like: “His love endures forever” (Ps. 136). Scripture instructs us to use psalms in Colossians 3:16: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” *Before or after the Divine Service, find the Book of Psalms in the Bible. Remind yourself that these are prayers and praises to God that He gave us. There’s no better way to worship than with the words He has given! Try using one of these in your devotions at home.*

Our VBS IS ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY! Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This year’s theme is “Friendship Trek”. *We will meet at church on **Monday, July 7 at 6:00 PM** to distribute door hangers on the doors of homes in the Maplewood community. Everyone’s help is needed.* 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 314-703-2131. 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.

**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

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