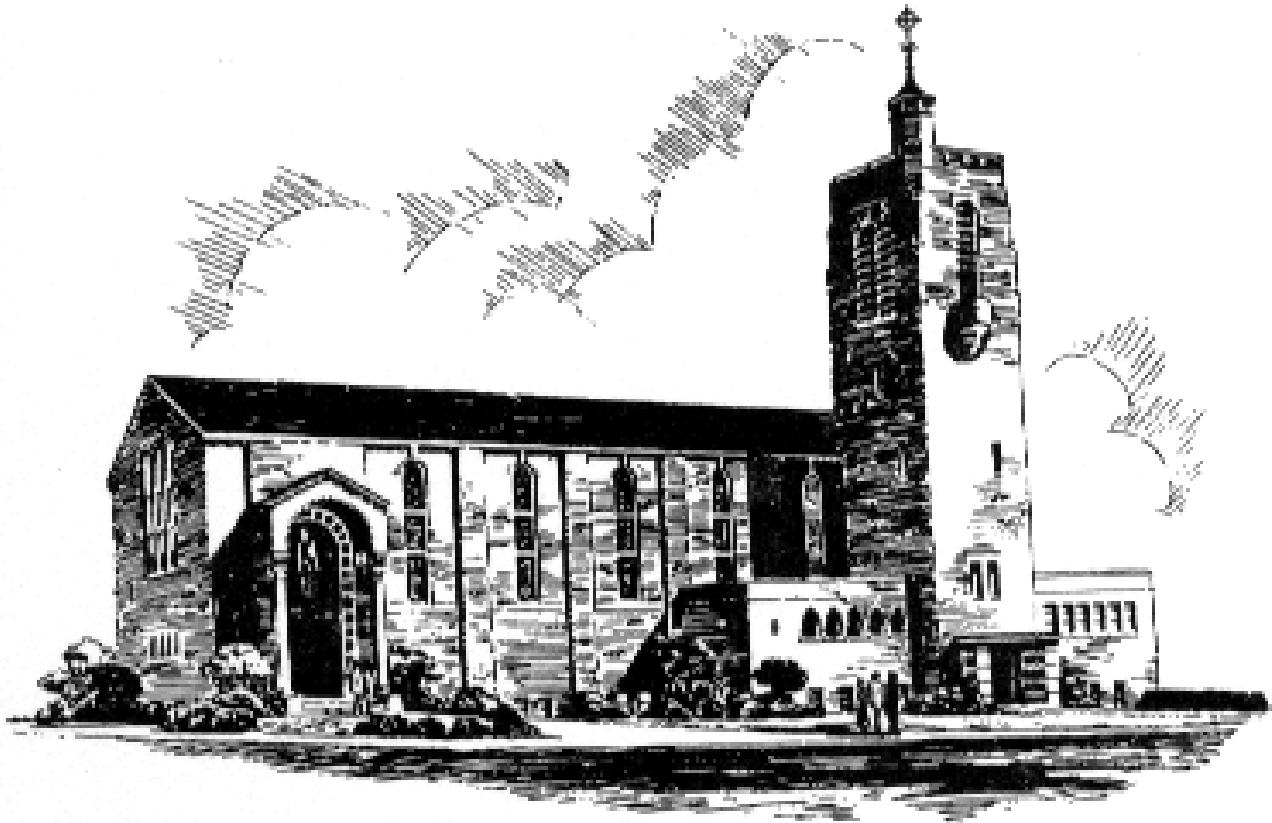


Concordia Lutheran Church

“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.

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2008

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

TOLLING OF THE BELL

GREETING AND WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” 180 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.

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 us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in your sight that we, who without you cannot do anything that is good, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Nineth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 44th Chapter of Isaiah, verses 9-8.

“This is what the LORD says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: **THE SECOND READING** is from the 8th Chapter of Romans, verses 26-27.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

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 13th Chapter, verses 24-30 (36-43).

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

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ““An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ““No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”” Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Pastor: We now join in singing “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” 427 LW.

SERMON “The Wheat and the Weeds” *Matthew 13:24-30 (36-43)*

NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

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 168*)

(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, 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.*)

“This Is My Father’s World”

554LBW (printed on page 9)

“What Feast of Love”

701 WOV (printed on page 10)

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.

D F#m D Em A A7

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears All
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh, let me not for - get That,

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

A7 D G A7 Bm D G D A E7 A A7

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won - ders .wrought.
 rus - tling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901
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TERRA PATRIS
 SMD

Em D G D Em Am B

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav - en?

Em D G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Bm G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: English ballad, 16th cent.
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CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” 179 LW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Let's Pray This Week for:

Our world and nation: Lord, sometimes in seeking to remove weeds we unwittingly uproot the good wheat that has been planted by you. We pray for humility and patience in our journeys of faith. In your mercy you have given your disciples abundant grace. As we have richly received, help us to richly give so that all people might know of your abundance. In your goodness you bring forth the fruit of the earth. Give your blessings to those who sow, plant, harvest and share with others the abundance that they themselves have received from you. In your great compassion you have called all people to you. Give us eyes to see Christ in the faces of all our neighbors, and give us hearts to celebrate each other's goodness. Lord, you walk with the hungry, the poor and the confused. Walk also with us, we pray, that we might die to our own needs and so give life to others. We offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise that on July 13, 2003, God through this congregation called Rev. Lew Ensor to serve at Concordia Lutheran Church. We pray that our faith would be strengthened and that we would be led to support the mission of the Church. 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... Kerry S... Mary T... Charles G... John B... Vaughn family... Carol T...

People who celebrate birthdays this week: Lora G... Mildred W... Won Yong J... Elmer W...

Serving in God's House This Day

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| Preacher: | Rev. Lew Ensor |
| Organist: | Russ Henkhaus |
| Altar Guild: | Delores G |
| Lay Reader: | Gary W |
| 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 Hoffman...

Our Responses To God's Love Last Week

Sunday Worship 10:00AM 40 Communed 32
Sunday School – 0 & Adult Bible Class – 8

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.

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
11:45 AM – Board of Outreach meeting
6:30 PM – Vacation Bible School

Monday: **6:30 PM – Vacation Bible School**

Tuesday: - August Newsletter Deadline
6:30 PM – Vacation Bible School

Wednesday: 12:30 PM – Staff meeting
6:30 PM – Vacation Bible School

Thursday: **6:30 PM – Vacation Bible School**

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

Special Congregation Meeting – July 27th – following the worship service (at approximately 11:45 AM). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the decline and active participation in membership facing Concordia. What are our problems/issues? What are our solutions? Every member is encouraged to attend. This is an open forum meeting. Sincerely, John Milcic, President. Questions? Contact John directly at (314) 705-2131.

Our VBS Begins this evening! From 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This year's theme is "Friendship Trek". *Everyone's help & support is needed.* It's not too late to volunteer! There's still volunteer positions 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. Children's registration forms are available on the table in the back of church.

Please join us in our OUTDOOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Saturday, July 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, 2615 Shackelford Road, Florissant, Mo. 63031. Come enjoy a tethered ride in the "Lift High The Cross" 8 story high hot air balloon, crafts, BBQ, magician, inflatable bouncer, children's activities and more. If you need more information, please call Pastor Roeglin @ (314) 831-1300 or Paula @ (314) 839-4657.

Another Great Big Word of Love In the Bible we hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus and all He has done for us. WE hear about how He has saved us from our sins through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. What you may not know is how the Holy Spirit fits into the picture. "Sanctification" (pronounced sank-ti-fi-KAY-shun) is the word the church uses to describe this. What does "Sanctification" mean? As we already said, the word "sanctification" is a very important word used to describe what the Holy Spirit does. "Sanctification" comes from the root word "sanctify" which means "to make holy." The Holy Spirit sanctifies, or makes us holy, by giving us faith in Jesus and enabling us to do good works. All of this He does for us through the wonderful Gospel, the Gospel can be found all wrapped up in the Word and Sacraments. Wow! The Holy Spirit is really at work in our lives! *Our Savior paid the price, and the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts! What a great combination and promise. Before or after the service, visit the baptismal font and remind yourself that this is where the work of sanctification began. In baptism, we are washed clean and made holy before God!*

Hymn Story - Rejoice, the Lord is King - Charles Wesley found the inspiration to write this hymn in Paul's admonition to the church at Philippi, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Paul was an unlikely candidate for rejoicing, because his life as a Christian was difficult. As he went about spreading the gospel, people did all sorts of things to try to stop him. They beat him. On five occasions he suffered the forty lashes that had the potential to kill a man. People stoned him and left him for dead. He was in a shipwreck (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-28). But he knew what Jesus had to offer people, and he felt happy that God had chosen him to tell others about Jesus. Paul was a joyful Christian, and he encouraged other Christians to be joyful too. Charles Wesley and his brother, John, were also unlikely candidates for rejoicing. Their lives were hard, too. As they went about spreading the gospel they encountered violent opposition too. On one occasion, a mob nearly destroyed the house where they were staying and drove their horses into a pond. The people whom they converted were often harassed and persecuted. But they found great joy in serving Christ and called other Christians to do the same. Charles Wesley wrote these joyful words, "Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore" — words that came out of his joyful life. There will be times when we, too, will be unlikely candidates for rejoicing. Most of us at some time will experience hardships — that's just part of life. But we can decide whether we want to be crabby Christians or joyful Christians — we have that choice. If we choose to be joyful in spite of our problems, we will find that joy is its own blessing — that we can be happy in spite of difficulties. We will also find that our joy is a blessing to others as well, because genuine joy spreads joy. An old Sunday school song said, "Brighten the corner where you are!" If we choose to be joyful Christians, we will do that — we will brighten the corner where we are. Then we will not only live in the light, but we will also find ourselves bringing light to the lives of other people as well. — Copyright 2006, Richard Niell Donovan