CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH LOST, FOUND, FORMED, FOR SERVICE.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER the EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!"
-Psalm 98:1a

AS WE GATHER

"We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation." These words from stanza 3 of the well-known hymn "Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand" are a reminder to us of who we are, and it gives us a sense of belonging. As we gather for worship, we are those stones being piled up together one more time. Whether the pile is small or huge, includes many pebbles or none at all, it is the use of the stones that is important. The stones are fashioned by the working of God for His own habitation. They—and we—can serve no greater purpose!

Ψ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult
[P: Pastor] [C: Congregation]

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

↑RINGING OF THE BELLS

↑ OPENING HYMN #909

"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE +

(Hymnal, p. 184)

↑ INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

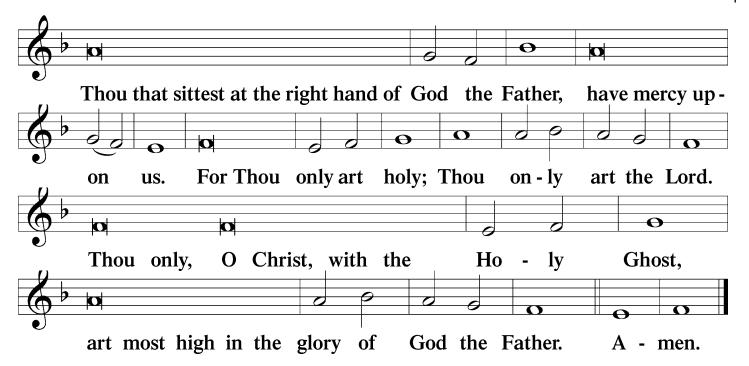
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all you sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.





↑ SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

All: Heavenly Father, You have established the Church with Christ as the foundation and made us to be Your holy people. Use us as You continue to grow the Church to the glory of Your holy name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

♦ OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18

(The Lord demands right living among His people.)

R: The Old Testament reading is from Leviticus, chapter nineteen.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

▶ EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 3:10–23

(We are God's temple, the Spirit dwelling in us.)

R: The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter three.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

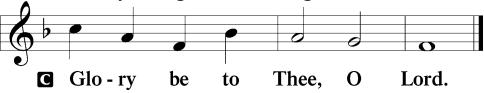
C: Thanks be to God.



↑HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:38–48

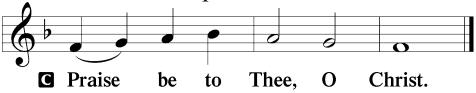
(Jesus continues to teach the Law with authority.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the fifth chapter.



(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



↑CATECHISM INSTRUCTION – Confession

P: What is the Office of the Keys??

ALL: The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

P: Where is this written?

All: This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.

John 20:22-23

We invite the children forward as e sing LSB #729, vs. 1 & 4 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead, Ev-'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

↓CHILDREN'S TALK

♦ SERMON HYMN #575 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

♦ SERMON Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Title: "The Master Builder"

◆ TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

[Please take a moment and sign the attendance book at the end of the pew]

LOST, FOUND, FORMED, FOR SERVICE

↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

<u>P</u>: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us turn to God in prayer for the world, for the Church, and for ourselves. For the world, that all who govern use their power to provide for human thriving—

caring for the poor, allowing liberty to individuals, and making and establishing just laws; that all those affected by warfare—soldiers, victims of violence, and our enemies—may experience the peace of Christ which surpasses understanding.

O Lord, we pray,

C: shine the light of Your mercy in our hearts and minds.

P: For the Church, that we may put aside all jealousy and strife among us, and instead build on the unity we have in the Lord Jesus Christ; that pastors faithfully preach the Gospel, administer the sacraments, teach the Word, and shepherd the flocks entrusted to their care; that teachers in our Lutheran schools faithfully instruct in the way of the Lord the children under their care; that our lives may show forth reconciliation, rather than hatred, so that the world may be drawn to the mercy of God in Jesus.

O Lord, we pray,

C: shine the light of Your mercy in our hearts and minds.

P: For ourselves, that those among us who are suffering—the sick, hospitalized, convalescing, undergoing tests, or dying—may see Your mercy in the midst of whatever they face; [we especially remember today _______;] that marriages and families of our congregation may look to You in times of trouble and times of joy; that those who travel may depart and arrive safely; that whatever we plan and do as a congregation may shine forth to the world with the brightness of the resurrection of Jesus; that those among us who mourn may be comforted by the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; that we remember with thankfulness the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith and have died; bring us with them to that day when all crying, suffering, and pain will be no more and death will be vanquished forever. O Lord, we pray,

C: shine the light of Your mercy in our hearts and minds.

[Additional prayers may be offered here.]

<u>P</u>: Hear our prayer, Lord God, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life and was raised that we might live anew.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE

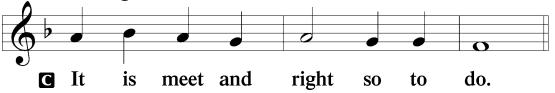
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

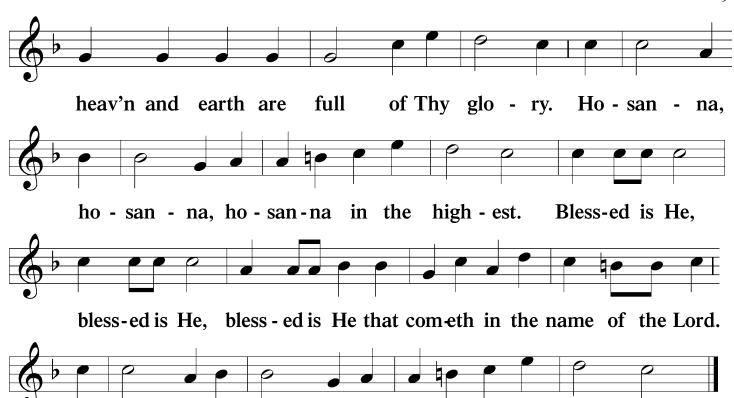


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



↑ PROPER PREFACE





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

↑ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

↑ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

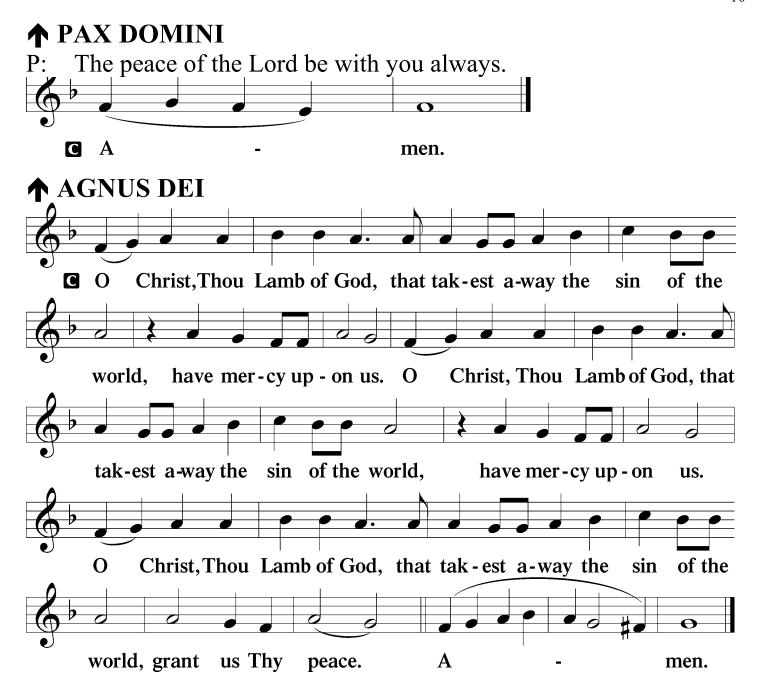
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20

↑LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.



COMMUNION INVITATION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

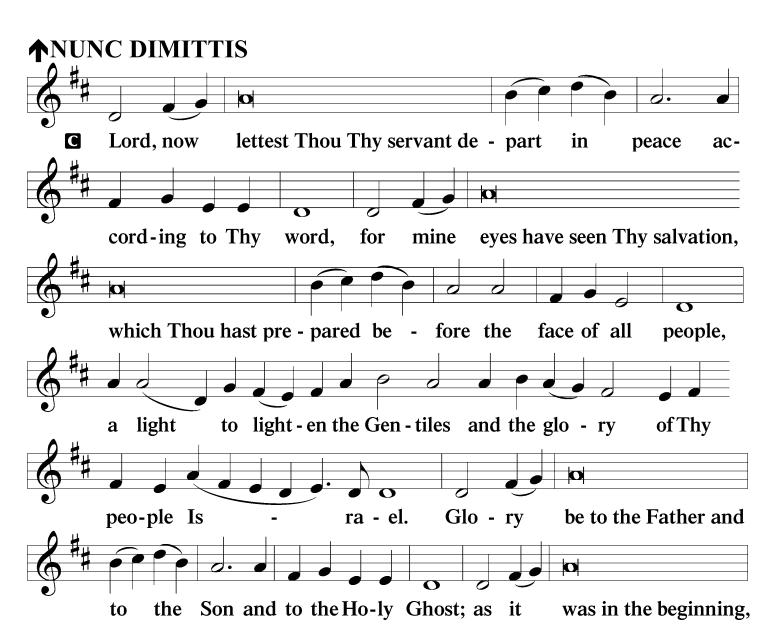
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are unclear on what all this means, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

◆ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#644 "The Church's One Foundation"

#657 "A Mighty Fortress"

#645 "Built on the Rock"





↑ POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that, forgiven of our sins, we may continue to be built into Your holy house; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

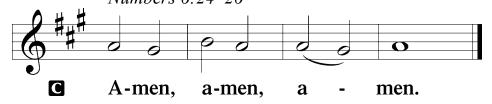


†BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26



↑CLOSING HYMN #912

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

♦ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 14-16)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 3:11)

↑ MISSION HYMN (sung together)

Lift high the Cross, the Love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:

Officiants Rev. Emil Gretarsson

Organist Cindy Golem

Assisting Ministers Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron

Mr. Guy Meiron, Mr. Fred Tichnell

Usher Ed Asper/TBD
Acolyte, 8;00 Tim Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00 Adam Brown
Lector, 8:00 Cheryl Fertitta
Lector, 11:00 Kathy Schleef

Greeters, 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Diest Greeters, 11:00 Mr. & Mrs. Buck Nordyke

Nursery Becky Brown

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Rosella Rogers in memory of Frank Rogers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com

Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

This week: - Monday – MD Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.

(Rudow home)

- Tuesday CCDC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday LifeLight Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.
 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 8:30 p.m.
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, 9:30 a.m. (in the fellowship hall)

HAPC Baby Bottle Campaign (Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Clinic) The HAPC asks that you fill a bottle with a check, cash or coins. The campaign runs from Sunday, January 22 through Sunday, February 19, 2017. Please return them to Concordia and HAPC will pick them up then.

YOUTH FUND RAISER Come and support our youth on Tuesday February 28^{th.} The traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper will serve as a fund raiser for the youth through a free will offering. We will serve pancakes and all the accompaniments from 5:30 until 7 p.m in the Outreach Center. Please use the upper parking lot and use the stairs or the elevator since the entire lower parking lot is needed by the group that meets in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays.

<u>EASTER LILIES</u> – Order forms have been placed in mailboxes for Easter lilies. The cost is \$9.80 and final count is due <u>March 12</u>. Place order form with payment in basket in the office.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a need for a companion for an elderly female in the Hagerstown area. The greatest need would be afternoon/early evening 3:30~pm-7~pm. Please contact Pastor Emil or Jean Tichnell for additional information if interested. Thank you.

<u>MARK YOU CALENDARS</u> – March 16 - Open Arms Preschool will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. More info to come.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Request forms to have a prayer shawl made for you or a loved one are on the bulletin board to the left of the mailboxes. Please complete the form and put it in Jane O'Farrell's mailbox. If anyone would like to share their talent of knitting or crocheting for this ministry please contact one of the members: Jane O'Farrell, Stephanie Gore, Cheryl Dawson.

<u>Micah's Backpack</u> — Thank you to all who responded to the request for the vegetables, crackers, and all other contributions for Micah's Backpack. Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated. Please continue to think of these children as you feed your own children and grandchildren each week. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry!

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES: Anyone interested in using church offering envelopes (old and new members alike), please see or call Mitzie Bowman 301-733-3234.800-5687.

Call for instrumentalists! Concordia would love to have instrumentalists add to our holiday celebrations, accompany the choir or add to our services on special occasions, and our new praise service. If you think you'd like to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Pastor Emil or Kathy Schleef at 717-401-0474/ksschleef@prodigy.net. Eagerly anticipating your calls!

Church Library News: The Church library has a link on Concordia's Church Website (Our Library) and now under that link has the main library catalogue divided under four headings; PreK-Kindergarten, Children/Youth, Adult Fiction and Adult Non Fiction.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – LUTHERAN COALITION: Don't forget! We continue to collect funds to help serve the poorest of the poor in Haiti. \$2 per week from all our member families would mean \$10,000 to help alleviate their tremendous suffering.