

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 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

(prepared by Jim Gann)

Do your sacrifices please God? I’m not talking about the atonement style sacrifices detailed in the Old Testament. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross forgave our sins once and for all. No, what I’m talking about is showing hospitality to strangers, even when it is inconvenient. I’m talking about sincere and joyful worship of God when we would rather be having fun on the links or in the pool. I’m talking about sharing the Gospel and sharing those things which God has blessed you with those less fortunate. I’m talking about tithing back to God your time, talents and treasures with a willing spirit and with joy in your heart. Those are the sacrifices that will please God.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

[L: Leader] [C: Congregation]

↓ **CALL TO WORSHIP--SHARING THE PEACE**

↑ **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

↑ **OPENING HYMN #946**

“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”

+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE +
(Hymnal, p. 184)

↑ INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

Leader: 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.

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: 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.

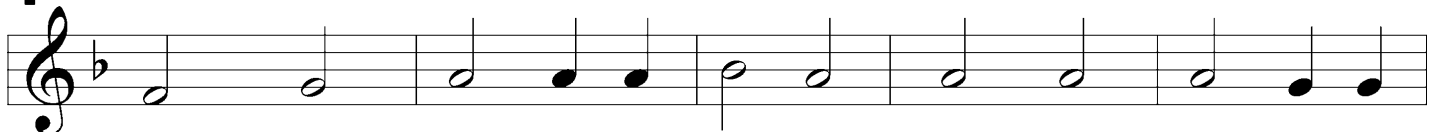
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

↑ KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

↑ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

↑ SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. You feed our souls with the true bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior. Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy, so that we may participate in Your providing bread for the world, both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1–5

(Come, eat and drink without cost.)

R: The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, chapter fifty-five.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **EPISTLE READING** Romans 9:1–5

(Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.)

R: The Epistle reading is from Romans, chapter nine.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ **ALLELUIA**

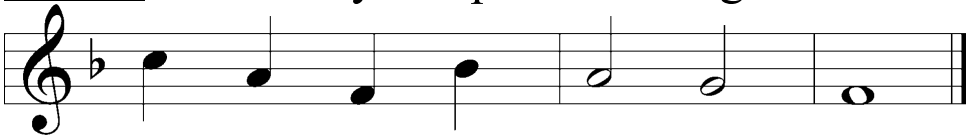


☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

↑ **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 14:13–21

(The Bread of Life feeds five thousand.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 14th chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

↑ **NICENE CREED**

All: 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.

We invite the children forward as we sing: L.U.Y.H #13, v.1-2

**God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.
He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me,
He's so good to me,**

↓CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #602 "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

↓ SERMON Deacon Richard Benjamin

↓ TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

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

Making the Love of Jesus R.E.A.L.

↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Relying on Your mercy, which tirelessly seeks the lost and the least and transforms the lives of sinners, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

You give the gift of adopting us into the family of the faithful of this and every generation. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that walking together our voices give a clear, spirited, and compassionate witness to the gifts of God in Christ to this hungry world. We give thanks for adopting us as Your sons and daughters as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You give abundant promises to calm us in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your hope-sustaining promises as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You give the gift of Your presence when our faith wanes and our hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning, [*including . . .*]. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your glorious presence among us as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You give the gift of Your Word to guide us—the Word that brings us down a notch when we are prideful and lifts us up when we are faltering. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer.

Additional petitions may follow.

Leader: We give thanks for Your life-giving Word as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You give the food that sustains both our bodies and souls.

Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your gracious provision as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You gather us for worship by Your Spirit, and You fill our hungry hearts with good things at the Lord's Table. Fill us with the Bread of Life that our lives may be bread for the hungry and water for those who thirst. We give thanks for the gifts we receive in worship as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You give the example of ancestors in the faith, all those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown in some way through them as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

[Additional prayers may be offered here.]

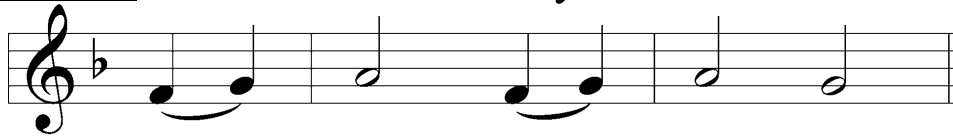
Leader: You give the invitation to bring everything to You in prayer. We entrust these prayers to You, relying on the promise and trusting in Your gracious and merciful disposition toward us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

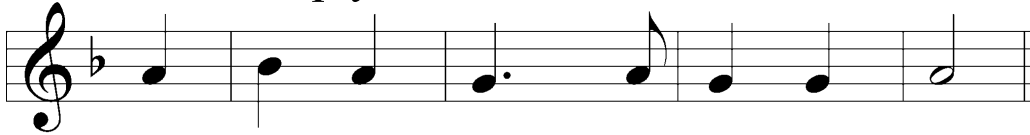
↑ PREFACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C It is meet and right so to do.

↑ PROPER PREFACE

↑ SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

↑ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD


↑ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader: 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

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.



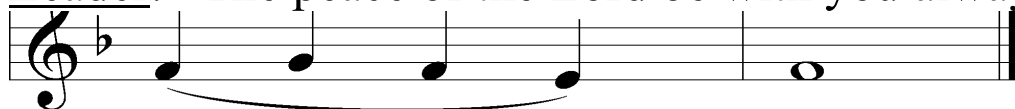
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.


↑ PAX DOMINI

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

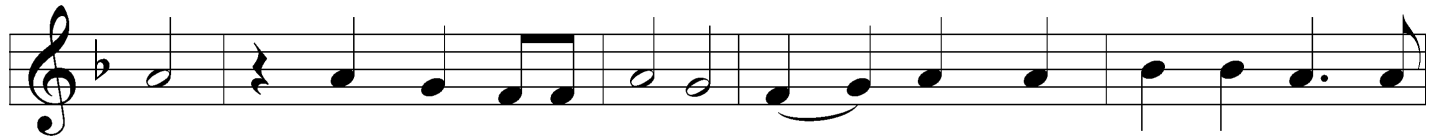


A - men.


↑ AGNUS DEI



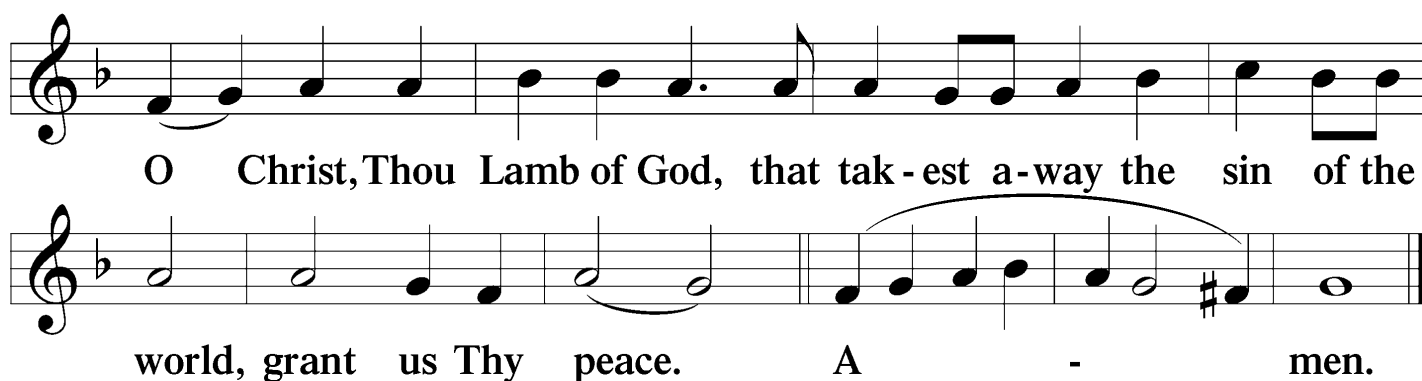
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.



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

- #737 *“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*
- #774 *“Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”*
- #803 *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

↑ POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Leader: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

↑BENEDICTION

Leader: 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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

↑CLOSING HYMN #918

“Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

↓ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 14-16)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

(Psalm 136:1)

↑ 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:

Officiant	Deacon Richard Benjamin
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/Mike Jorgensen
Acolyte, 8:00	Sydney Hector
Acolyte, 11:00	Chase Baker
Lector, 8:00	Marion Foster
Lector, 11:00	TBD
Greeter	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Vermilya
Greeters, 11:00	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jorgensen
Nursery	Becky Brown

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Judy Keane in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary and thanksgiving for the marriage of their youngest son, Michael, to Leslie Ewing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com

Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

THANK YOU to Lay Deacon Richard Benjamin for leading us in worship today.

TODAY - 'Be our Guest' breakfast following the 11:00 service.

This week: Monday – I-Neighborhood Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - Lay ministry Meetings, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY- August 13 following the late service– Congregation meeting to formally accept the new Constitution and Bylaws.

Micah's Backpack meeting Aug.13 after the congregational meeting. All team members please plan to attend. We will need new members this year, so come check us out. We will have food!!

Plan now to attend Concordia's "Spiritual Perspective Retreat" on Saturday, September 9 -- a day intended to give you added insight into the relationship between your life and God's plan. Register online on the concordia-hagerstown.org website.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have returned their information for ChurchTrac. We have information returned and entered into the computer for 2/3 of the congregation! Assuming that the other 1/3 of the congregation is still on vacation, we anticipate the remaining people to be turning in their information no later than August 1st. Thank you again for all who submitted their information by the original deadline of July 1, 2017.

MISSION OF THE MONTH for August is Open Arms. More info to come.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – HOPE FOR HAITI See the letter placed in your mailbox. Please consider making a contribution to this effort.

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.

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.