

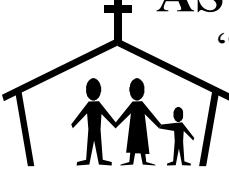
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 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)

 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?” Romans 11:34-35 ESV

If only we could fully understand God’s thoughts! We would comprehend how He can be all-powerful, all knowing, and present everywhere. We would grasp His mysterious ways and dealings. We would know His thoughts, His purposes, and especially His plans for us. But if we could do all those things, then He would no longer be our God and Master. We would then want to put ourselves up in His place. But, thank God His thoughts and ways are not our thoughts and ways! In Heaven, all of God’s mysteries will one day, be made plain to us; but we’ll be too busy praising Him to even wonder anymore.

↓ 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 #576

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

+ 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.

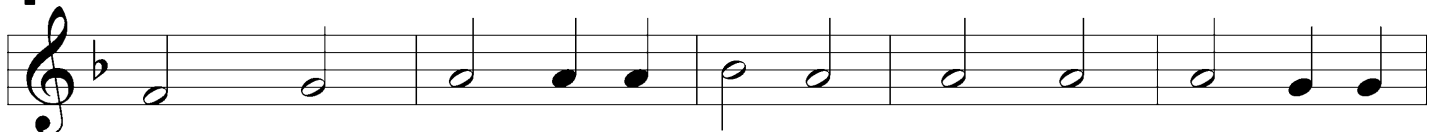
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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 only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

↑ SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 51:1–6

(Listen, look, and give attention to the salvation of the Lord.)

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

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **EPISTLE READING** Romans 11:33–12:8

(Bound together in faith as one body)

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

(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 16:13–20

(Confession of Jesus as the Christ)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th 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.

↑ **APOSTLE'S CREED**

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

We invite the children forward as we sing: LSB #651, v.1 & 3

**I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.**

↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #645 "Built on the Rock"

↓ SERMON Lay Leaders

↓ 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world, together and united as one body, grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Leader: Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,

C: protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one even to the gates of hell.

Leader: Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O **C: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge Your authority in gratitude and praise.**

Leader: Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,

C: arm Your servants with Your mighty Gospel, and cause them again to confess You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Leader: Whenever we fail to use the gifts You have placed within us, O Lord,

C: turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that You provide within the Body of Christ.

Leader: Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to Your power and glory, O Lord,

C: remind us again of the depth of Your riches, wisdom, and knowledge. Call us again to listen, and look, and pay

attention that we may seek You where You and salvation will be found.

Leader: Wherever people are in mourning or ill health, without food or shelter, or in any other distress, O Lord,

C: visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in Your mercy. Fulfill Your purpose for them.

Leader: We remember before You especially those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. O Lord,

C: hear our prayer, Rock of our salvation.

Leader: O Lord, we come to this Table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink the very body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Grant us repentance and faith to receive these gifts to Your glory and for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

[Addition prayers may be offered here.]

Leader: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

↑LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. 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 #807 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

↓ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 15-16)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

(Romans 12:4-5)

↑ **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 John Jakupciak
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/Chip Brown
Acolyte, 8:00	Tim Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Dory Brown
Lector, 8:00	Nancy Flicek
Lector, 11:00	Mike Jorgensen
Greeter	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flicek
Greeters, 11:00	Cheryl Dawson
Nursery	TBD

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Don Schleef in thanksgiving of 50 years of marriage.

Also:

Alter flowers are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Foster.

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 Leaders for leading us in worship today.

TODAY – Rally Day Picnic after the 11:00 service. Meat and beverages provided. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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.

COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE—a partnership of HARC, Rotary, United Way and Early Childhood Advisory Council. We are collecting books till September 20. We are collecting books for children ages 0-11.

MISSION OF THE MONTH for August is Open Arms. Today we will take a special offering after each service today.

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.

CHOIR - Do you like to sing? Interested in praising our Lord? Come to choir. Join us as we begin anew Wed., Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. We meet in the sanctuary and practice on Wednesday nights. Please call Kathy Schleef with questions or interest - [717-401-0474](tel:717-401-0474).

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.