

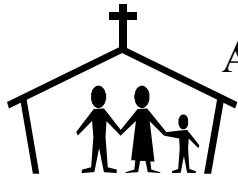
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 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)

People run away from life. Sometimes the reality of life is just too much for them, so they need to escape. Some do it by watching TV; still others by plunging themselves madly into work or a hobby. Some turn to alcohol or drugs. But those escape routes don't really work, as anyone who has tried will testify. There really is no way we can escape God and the consequences of sin. There is one thing we can do though. We can join the company of believers who know they don't have to run away from life. They know that confessed sins are left in the darkness behind them. By faith in Christ, they come alive and live in this world with the assurance of forgiveness in Him. God's forgiven people will stand up in the congregation of the righteous in the light of His love and forgiveness.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

[P: Pastor] [C: Congregation]

PRELUDE

↓ **CALL TO WORSHIP – SHARING OF THE PEACE**

↑ **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

↑ **OPENING HYMN #816**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING TWO +
(Hymnal, p. 167)

↑ INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

↑ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

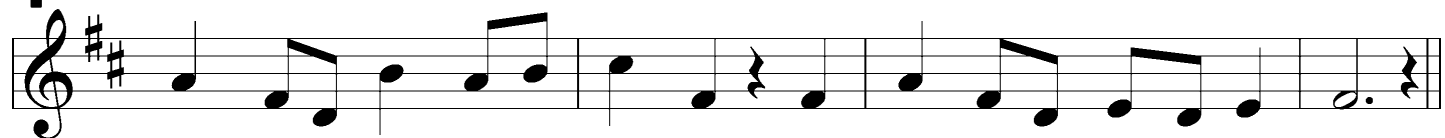
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: 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.

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

P: 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.**

↑GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



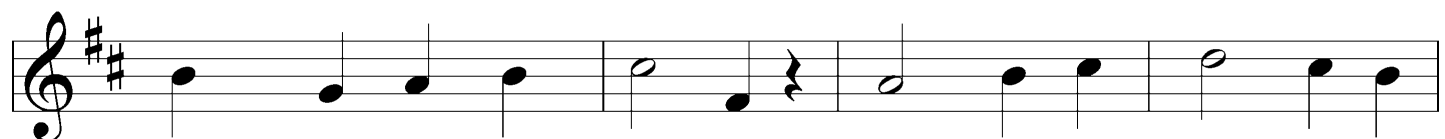
A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



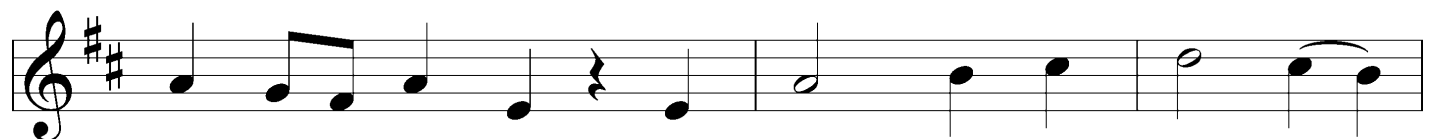
C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



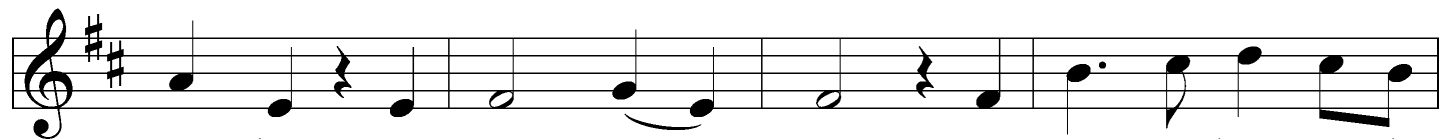
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

ALL: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 50:15-21

(God's Good Purposes.)

R: The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, chapter fifty.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ EPISTLE Romans 14:1-12

(Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another)

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

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

↑ HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

(The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)


P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, 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: LSB #606, v. 1

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #609

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

↓ SERMON Rev. William Pekari

Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Title: “Who Is The Greatest in the Kingdom?””

↓ TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

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

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↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, look with favor upon the nations of the world, especially those suffering from war, conflict, disease, and famine. Be their peace and healer. Lord, in Your

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You have made us the light of the world. Help us bring Your light and love to our workplaces. Direct us to treat our employers, employees, and co-workers with fairness and grace, forgiving wrongs as we have been forgiven in Christ.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You have given us the wonderful gifts of families and friends. Look with favor upon our relationships. Bring reconciliation where there is division. Bring love where there is anger.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, send Your forgiveness to all those who are weighed down by guilt. Bring Your resurrection hope to all those who hide their sins in shame. Remind them of the baptismal waters, which give them a new identity: child of God. Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we pray for all those who are sick, [*especially . . .*] and those we now name in our hearts. Heal their diseases, and redeem their lives from the pit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we rejoice today with those who celebrate. Thank You for all the benefits You have shown them. We bless Your holy name for Your continued compassion and steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, be with all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Comfort them with the power of Your resurrection hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Finally, Lord, bless Your Church here and scattered throughout the world. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Keep us mindful of Your gracious forgiveness shown to us, the family of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

[Additional prayers may be offered here, *e.g. for all whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by storm, flood, earthquake, or fire.*]

P: All these things we bring before You, O Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



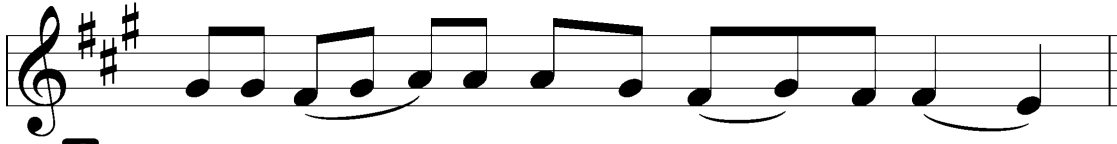
C And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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



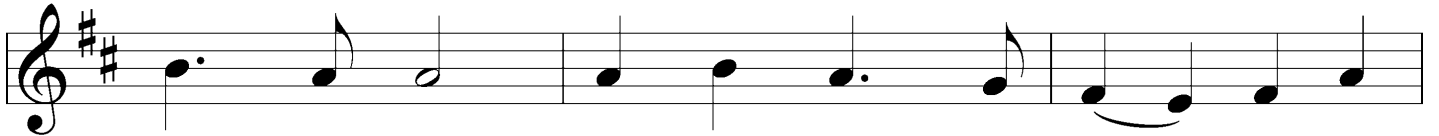
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

↑ PROPER PREFACE

↑ SANCTUS



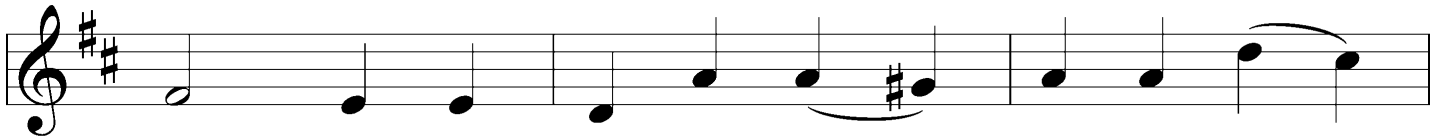
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. 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*

↑ THE 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.

↑ PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

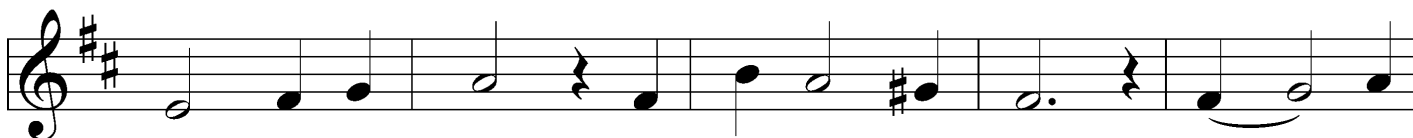
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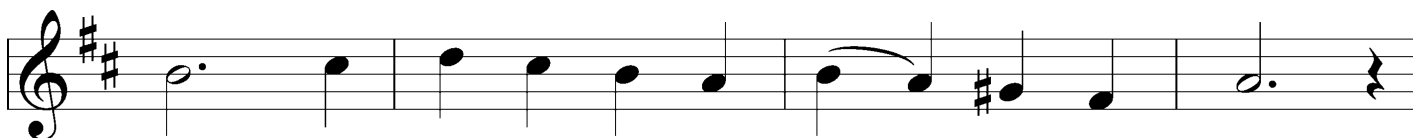
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



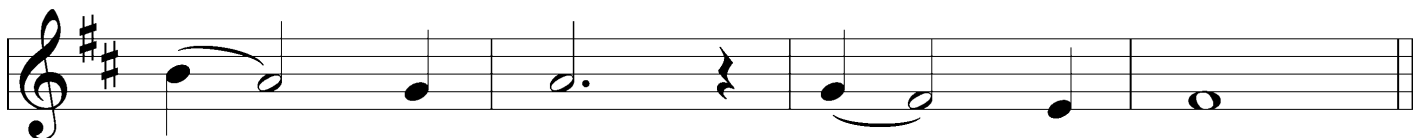
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



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

- #611 *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*
- #809 *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*
- #851 *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

↑ POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

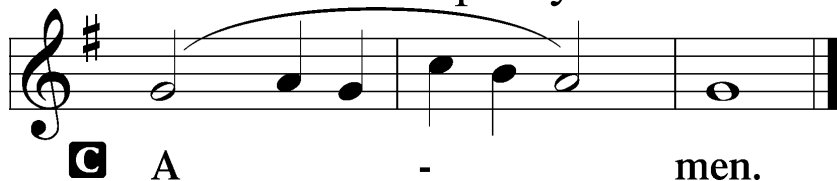
ALL: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↑ BENEDICTION

P: 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.



↑ CLOSING HYMN #845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 13-15)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.

(Romans 14:7-8)

↑ 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	Rev. William Pekari
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	Adam Brown
Lector, 8:00	Sylvia Shives
Lector, 11:00	Brenda Ellis
Greeters, 8:00	Rosella Rogers
Greeters, 11:00	Brown
Nursery	Sylvia Shives

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

THANK YOU to Rev. William Pekari for leading us in worship today.

**This week: Monday – MD Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
(Flicek home)**

**Wednesday - LifeLight Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.
– NO Choir practice this week**

Subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness are due now. The cost is \$12.95 per year. Subscription forms have been placed in

mailboxes. Additional forms are on the table in the Narthex. Place forms (with check, payable to Concordia Lutheran Church) in specially marked basket in the office by October 15.

The HARC book drive will end Sept. 20th please put donated books in the big red tub in the Narthex. Would appreciate any new or gently used childrens' book for ages between 0-11. Thank you for all your help now and in the past.

MISSION OF THE MONTH for September is the Joint Seminary Fund. More info to come.

ChurchTrac: If there is a change in any of your personal information – especially phone number or email address – please contact Jean Tichnell @[304-274-0025](tel:304-274-0025) or jeantich@comcast so the info can be changed in ChurchTrac. Thank you!

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).

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. Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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.

Micah's Backpack: School starts in Washington County on Tuesday, September 5th! Now is the time to start adding items to your weekly grocery list for the 15 students that Concordia is sponsoring this school year. Micah's Backpack is self-sustaining and is not a line item in the church's budget. Please watch the bulletin board and your mailboxes for suggested items to fill the backpacks. Thank you for your continued generous spirit and support for this ministry!

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