



"He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:9

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

JULY 16, 2023

11:00AM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 901

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Titus 3:3–7

P For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray,
slaves to various passions and pleasures,

**C passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and
hating one another.**

P But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior
appeared,

**C He saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to His own mercy,**

P by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

**C whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our
Savior,**

P so that being justified by His grace

C we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P In that divine hope, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and
unclean. We have sinned against You by not letting You
have Your way with us. We have become deaf to Your
Word. Because of our weak love for You and for our**

neighbor, we have become fruitless trees deserving only Your judgment. Therefore, we return to You today asking Your forgiveness and for the strengthening of our faith and love. By Your Word, restore us and renew us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 △ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord God, by the power of Your Word alone, You created everything out of nothing, and You have caused us to be drawn to You in hope. Open our ears and our hearts to hear and believe Your Word this day anew that we may grow by Your grace in the faith and the love that are in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

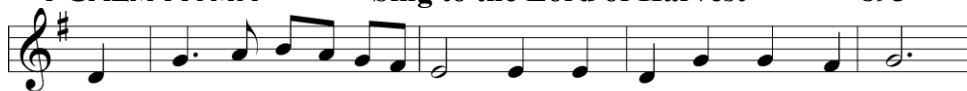
Isaiah 55:10-13

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PSALM HYMN

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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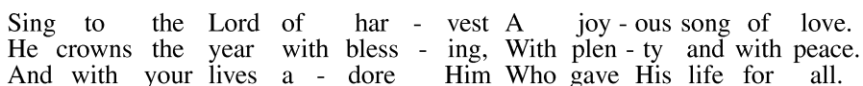
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Romans 8:12-17

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We stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

¶ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” 577

SERMON “In One Ear and Out the Other” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” 545

“O Living Bread from Heaven” 642

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” 923

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

You have
received
the
SPIRIT
OF
ADOPTION
as sons



by whom
we cry.
"Abba!
Father!"

Katie Helmreich - Romans 8:15 -