

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

JULY 2, 2023

11:00AM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, 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 asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” 851

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Matthew 10:39–40

P Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today's Gospel, “Whoever
finds his life will lose it,
C and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

P “Whoever receives you receives Me,
C and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30–31*

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

C We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

C We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

C We have often failed to take up Christ’s cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.


P As we follow in repentance and humbleness,

C 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.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” 655



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
 by de- ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
 Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
 u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal
 Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 28:5–9

Pew Bible page 832

SECOND READING

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Romans 7:1-13

Pew Bible page 1200

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

Pew Bible page 1036

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” 685

SERMON

“Long Division”

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 Your mercies are new every morning. Gathered as one Body with You as the head, we with joy receive You as You come to us in, with, and under this bread and wine. Enable and equip us to do the jobs You have called us to do in Your name for the sake of others and Your kingdom through Your Holy Spirit. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, worship, and praise, 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

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” 620

“‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” 688

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “God Bless Our Native Land” 965

POSTLUDE



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