



**“So it is not the will of my Father
who is in heaven that one of
these little ones should perish.”**

Matthew 18:14

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 (1Cor 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 “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 528

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Pew Bible page 914

EPISTLE READING

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Romans 13:1-10

Pew Bible page 1206

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20
Pew Bible page 1046

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

℟ Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

℟ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟ Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” 915

SERMON “Little Things Mean a Lot” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℟ The Lord be with you.

℟ And also with you.

℟ Lift up your hearts.

℟ We lift them to the Lord.

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us assurance of Your fatherly care and to keep us from despair over our sins. Assure us of Your continuing presence with and among us. Grant that our eating of His holy body and drinking of His precious blood at Your Table strengthen and preserve us in the true faith that with joyful hearts we may bring forth offerings acceptable to You at all times and in all places.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

“Children of the Heavenly Father” 725

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” 711

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Send Forth by God’s Blessing” 643

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

