

The saying is trustworthy and  
deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into  
the world to save sinners, of  
whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**11:00 AM**

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 686**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 119:57–60, 63–64*

P The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

**C I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.**

P When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies;

**C I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.**

P I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

**C The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**C** Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

**P** God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- 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 - shiped 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** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father 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 34:11-24**

Pew Bible page 915

## **EPISTLE READING**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**1 Timothy 1:5-17**

Pew Bible page 1262

*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.



**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 15:1-10**

Pew Bible page 1112

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**744**

**SERMON**

**“Tell Me About Yourself”**

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

**CATECHISM**

*The First Article*

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

**C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey**

**Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **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.

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**HYMN**                      **“Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”**                      **949**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, so that all we who partake of Christ’s holy body and of His precious blood

may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

**C Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

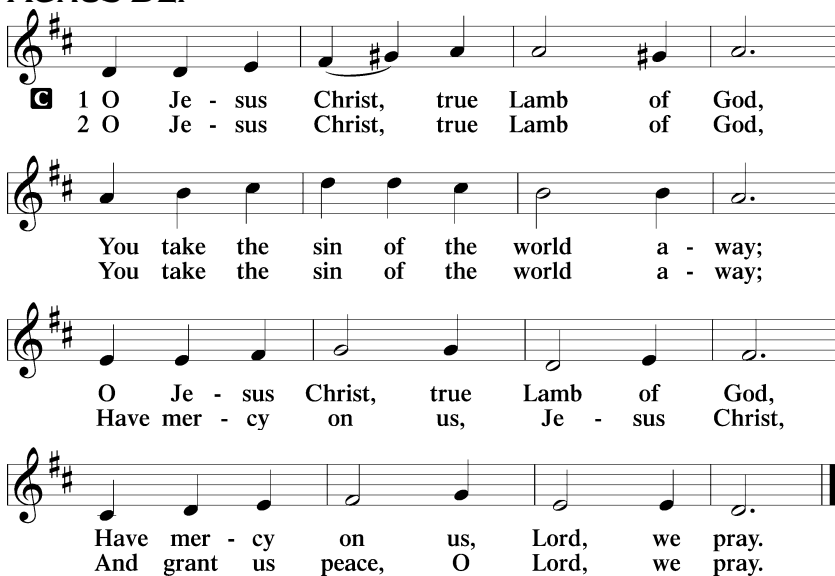
### LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** And also with you.

### AGNUS DEI



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*We sit.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"	609
"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"	694

*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN “Now, the Hour of Worship O’er”

Hartmann Schenck, 1634–81

Tr. sts. 1–2, composite

Tr. st. 3, Oscar Kaiser, 1865–1960

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.



1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o’er, Teach - ing, hear - ing,  
2 Now the bless - ing cheers our heart, By His grace to  
3 Bless our go - ing out, we pray, Bless our en - trance



pray - ing, sing - ing, Let us glad - ly God a - dore,  
us ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful - ly de - part;  
in like mea - sure; Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,



For His Word our prais - es bring - ing; For the rich re -  
Be our souls to God com - mend - ed. May His Spir - it  
Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure; Bless us when we



past He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.  
ev - er guide us And with all good gifts pro - vide us!  
reach death’s por - tal, Bless us then with life im - mor - tal.

## POSTLUDE