

**‘Am I not allowed to do what I
choose with what belongs to me?
Or do you begrudge my
generosity?’ So the last will be
first, and the first last.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” 592

INVOCATION

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

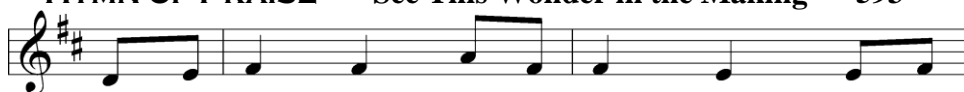
C Amen.

We sit.

LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR EVERLEIGH JOY WELCH

Words for congregational response are on the screen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “See This Wonder in the Making” 593



1	See	this	won	-	der	in	the	mak	-	ing:	God	Him -	
2	Mir	-	a	-	cle	each	time	it	hap	-	pens	As	the
3	Far	more	ten	-	der	than	a	moth	-	er,	Far	more	
4	Here	we	bring		a	child	of	na	-	ture;	Home	we	



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place her With Your love and peace em - brace her.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th 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 “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” 827

SERMON

“There Is A Way”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And also with you.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℟ 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, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to call upon You with all boldness and confidence. Gathered at Your Table, grant that we receive Your body and blood, and through this sacred eating and drinking be strengthened for lives of witness and service. Unite us with thankful hearts in the unending praise of Your glory and grant us in this blessed Sacrament a foretaste of the feast to come.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 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

“My Light and My Salvation”

Lloyd Larson

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” **631**

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” 924

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

