



**There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores**

## **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 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    “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**      *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

P Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to  
Your steadfast love.

**C The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just  
and righteous decrees endures forever.**

P Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;  
unite my heart to fear Your name.

**C I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify Your name forever.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins.  
The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

**C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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**

**Amos 6:1-7**

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

Pew Bible page 975

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen

**EPISTLE READING**

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

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

Pew Bible page 1265

**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:19-31**

Pew Bible page 1113

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<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**

**“Praise the Almighty”**

**797**

**SERMON**

**“I Feel Sorry For You”**

**Pastor Michael Geml**

*We stand.*

**CATECHISM**

*The Third Article*

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. 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 graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name:

**SANCTUS                    “Holy, Holy, Holy”**  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.**  
**You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.**  
**Generations praise You, with saints and angels.**  
**Holy and bless’d through all eternity.**

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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

**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**

**“O Lamb of God, We Pray”**

**O** Lamb of God, we pray:

**Take** all our sins away—

**Our** faith increase.

**Have** mercy on us all,

**Strengthen** us when we fall,

**Answer** our fervent call

**And** grant us peace.

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*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”** 769

**“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”** 848

*We stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** 643

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Christ Be My Leader”** 861

## **POSTLUDE**