



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 “With the Lord Begin Your Task” 869

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Jeremiah 15:20b

P Since we are gathered to hear the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.

P O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

**C We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness,
turning away from You when we should be turning toward
You.**

P Father, forgive us.

**C Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil
with good.**

P Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

C The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.

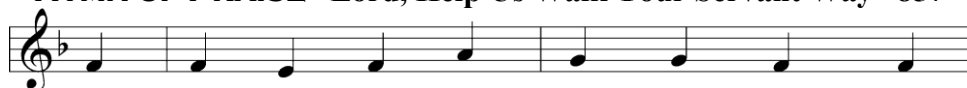
P Renew us, Spirit of truth.

C Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.

P “I am with you to save you and deliver you,” declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I 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 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” 857



1	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,
3	No	gold -	en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way



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place	with	- in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek	to
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get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.
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fol -	low	You	And	live	by	Your	com -	mands.
mean -	est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of	love.
get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 26

L Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

L For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

C I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

L I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,

L proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

C O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

L But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th 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

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

913

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 the victory that is ours in Christ. You have defeated our enemies of sin, death, and the devil by His sacrifice upon the cross. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we here receive Your perfect love, which overcomes the evil of our world and replaces it with Your goodness. Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we ask You to heap upon us Your mercy so that we may delight in You and then extend to others what we here receive.

Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“By Grace I’m Saved” 566

“Christ Be My Leader” 861

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing” 847

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

If at all possible
Live
at

peace

with

everyone
as far
as it
depends
on you.

16/23 Romans 12:18