



**But exhort one another  
every day, as long as it is  
called “today,” that none  
of you may be hardened  
by the deceitfulness of sin.**

Hebrews 3:13

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 13, 2024**

**11:00A**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

**AS WE GATHER** The call to faithfulness is itself both a warning against losing faith in God’s promises and the encouragement to have confidence in the Lord. Scripture regularly reminds us that God is not out to trap us or confound us but uses the things of this mortal life to increase our faith in Him. Nowhere is that more felt than in the tension between the things of this life that appear so real and urgent and the things of the kingdom of God which are truly real and urgent. The promise is that if we have Christ, we have all things needful. The encouragement is to live out this promise with a lively and confident faith.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory” 850

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P Let us pray.

O Merciful Lord whose love invites us, though our hearts and hands are unclean, cleanse and renew us by Your grace, for You are the God of our salvation and it is Your joy and gift to grant us forgiveness and new life: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This is both what the Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Consider now how your lives have reflected these commands.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

P Holy and gracious God,

**C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace. 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 “O God Our Help in Ages Past” 733**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “Consider How the Birds Above” Starke/arr. Heim  
*Christopher Bare - violin*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 3:12-19**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**“Seek Ye First”**

**712**



1	Seek	ye	first	the	king -	dom	of	God,	And	His
2	Ask	and	it	shall	be	giv -	en	un -	to	you,
3	Man	does	not	live	by	bread	a -	lone,	But	by



right -	eous -	ness.	And	all	these	things	shall	be
ye	shall	find,	Knock	and	the	door	shall	be
ev -	'ry	word	That	pro -	ceeds	from	the	



add -	ed	un -	to	you!	Al -	le -	lu,	al -	le -	lu -	ia!
o -	pened	un -	to	you,	Al -	le -	lu,	al -	le -	lu -	ia!
mouth	of	the	Lord,	Al -	le -	lu,	al -	le -	lu -	ia!	

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:17-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”**

**694**

*Stanza 4 – choir alone*

**SERMON**

“I Can’t Keep Up”

Pastor Michael Geml

*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 O Lord, God of power and might, the heavens reflect Your glory and Your mercy reveals Your steadfast love. We give You

thanks for creating and preserving all things by Your grace and for Your patience that bore with us sinners and raised up Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Gathered in His name and at His own bidding, we pray You to grant us the fruits of His saving work upon the cross and His mighty resurrection in this communion upon His body and blood, according to His own testament and promise.

**C Amen.**

## **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**

**"Greet the Rising Sun"**

**871**

**“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**721**

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Jesus, Lead Thou On”**

**718**

**POSTLUDE**



## Sermon Notes

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Seek  
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AMOS 5:6

