



**“BUT MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL
BE LAST, AND THE LAST FIRST.”**

MARK 10:31

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 20, 2024

11:00A

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 **“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”** **940**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

P When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,
C God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.

P When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,
C they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.

P When there was no way out for us because of our sin,
C God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 1:1–2, adapted

P Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

C and we see things from a limited human perspective.

P You are omniscient, knowing all;

C we are but mortal.

P In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.

C Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.

P When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

C and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.

P Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.

C When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.

P We need rest from our enemies,

C from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.

P Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,

C for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.

P Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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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.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Amanda Husberg
Jessica Westby - flute

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:1-16

℣ 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, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



righ - teous - 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 10:23-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th 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 “Take My Life and Let It Be” **783**

SERMON “I Approve This Message” 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 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. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 770

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” 636

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Fight the Good Fight”** **664**

POSTLUDE