

# REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 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** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 656

#### INVOCATION

 $\mathbb{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathbb{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,

# sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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.



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

## FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"If God Is For Us"

Allen Pote

#### SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



We stand.



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HOLY GOSPEL

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John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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- C Glory to You, O Lord.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

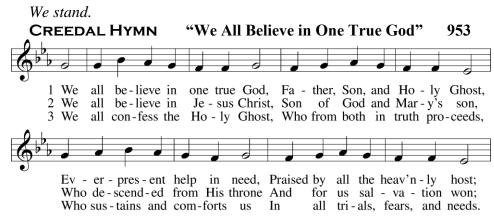
We sit.

"Thy Strong Word" HYMN OF THE DAY 578 St. 3 – lectern side; St 4 – pulpit side

**SERMON** 

"Your History"

Pastor Michael Geml





All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds. By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y. Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

## 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 have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for having called us as Your people who are

kept by Your abiding care in this, our contentious world. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we join at Your Table, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**

"By Grace I'm Saved" 566
"How Wide the Love of Christ" 535

We stand.

# **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" 644

#### **Postlude**