

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JULY 7, 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

"How Firm a Foundation"

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING VERSES

Psalm 123

- P To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
- C Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.
- P Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- C Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
- C As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- P The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:
- C "Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."
- P He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:
- C "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."
- P He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:
- C "So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent."

P Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven 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 Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness. In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness; 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

Ezekiel 2:1-5

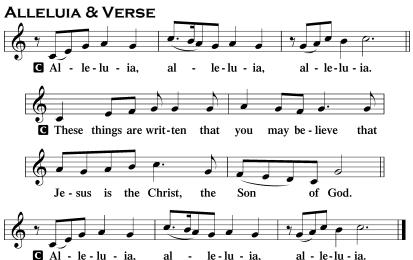
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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

We stand.



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th 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 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" 856

SERMON

"Amazing Unbelief"

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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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 You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by

the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

We thank You that You call us by name, and we pray we continually heed Your voice of invitation. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son 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

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{P}}$ The peace of the Lord be with you always. $\ensuremath{\mathbf{C}}$ And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" "The Church's One Foundation" "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"		839 644 623
We stand. Post-Communion	COLLECT	
BENEDICTION		
CLOSING HYMN	"Fight the Good Fight"	664

POSTLUDE

