



“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Mark 9:37

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 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 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 901

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 54:1-2

P O God, save me, by Your name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.

P O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

C Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask

Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.

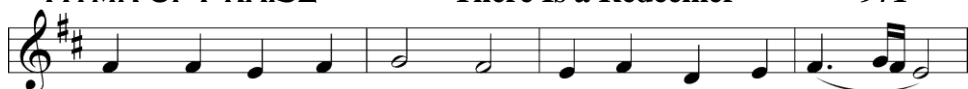
P In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“There Is a Redeemer”

971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God’s own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I’ll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

Text and tune: © 1982 Birdwing Music, admin. EMI. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004222

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

arr. Honoré

EPISTLE READING

James 3:13-4:10

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

“Father, We Thank Thee”

652

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: I Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004222 Tune: Public domain

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th 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 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” 851

SERMON “A Little Child Shall Humble Them” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

Inside back cover of LSB

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. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Children of the Heavenly Father” 725

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” 633

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” 922

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes



O LORD of HOSTS,
who judges
righteously,



who tests the
heart and the
mind, ... to
You have I
committed
my cause.

-Jeremiah 11:20