

DIVINE SERVICE III

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE sts. 1–6

Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Confession and 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

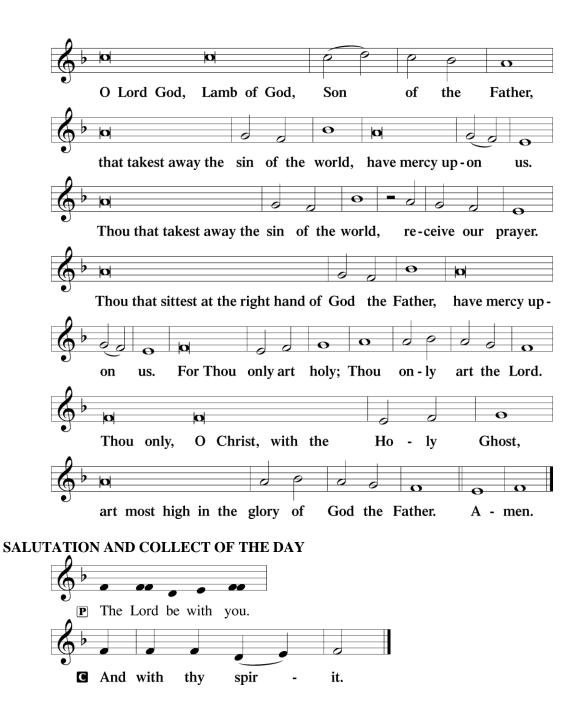
- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your 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 +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word







● O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Christ has risen | from the dead.* [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor. He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;* he has put all things un- | der his feet.

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates. And the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

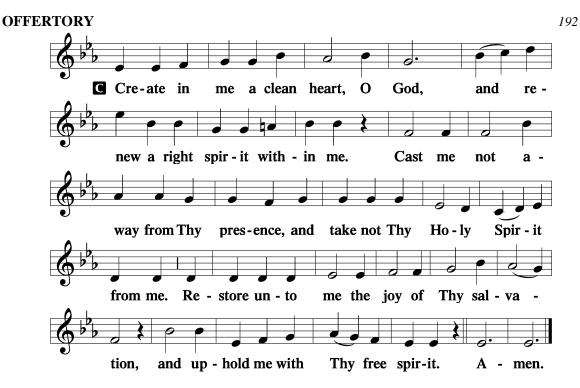
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE sts. 7–10

SERMON

Stand



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

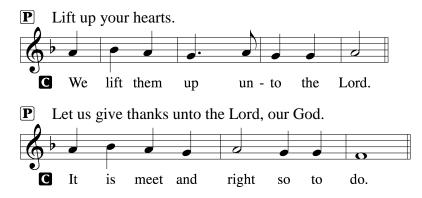
P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Service of the Sacrament

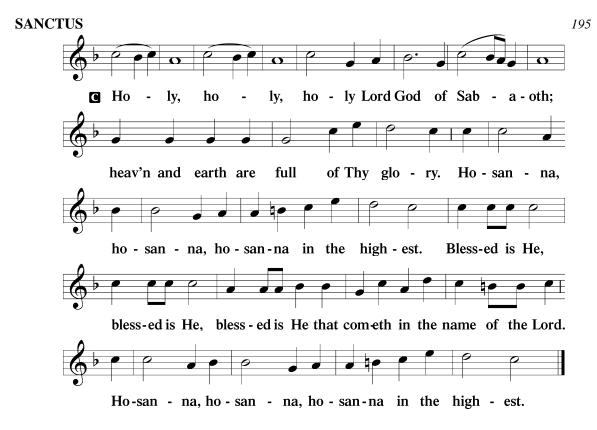
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 It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 484 MAKE SONGS OF JOY DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 477 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 663 RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY

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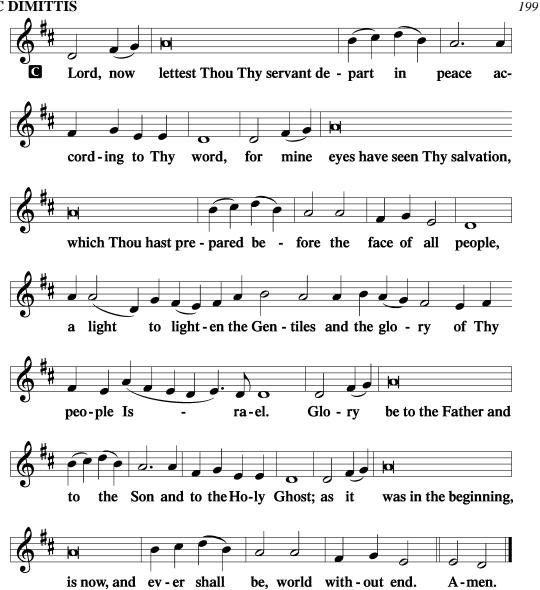
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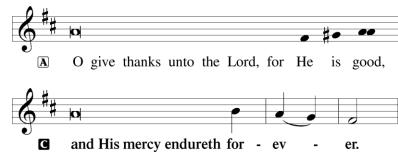
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THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- С Amen.

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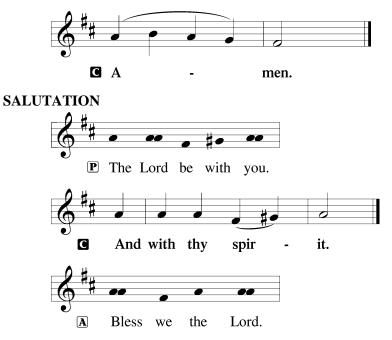




POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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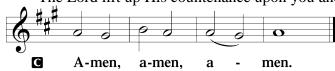
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BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



HYMN TO DEPART: 488 HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements May 25, 2025

NEW PASTOR PRAISE REPORT!!!

At the Fort Wayne Seminary's call service on Tuesday, April 29, we learned that **Sam Scheltens** has been placed at Concordia. Pastor-elect Scheltens is from Normal, Illinois. He is married to **Isabel**. They have a 1 year old son, and they are expecting their second child in November. His ordination and installation is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 am at Concordia. Please keep the Scheltens in your prayers.

The Church Council has called a Special Meeting of the Congregational Assembly for June 8, 2025 after the Divine Service. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss funding options for the completion of the West Wing Renovation.

Thank you to everyone who provided Bake Sale items for last week's sale. Thank you also for all who donated and purchased delicious sale items. It was a great success, and it raised \$626 for the West Wing Renovation.

 ATTENTION: St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School Families and Friends. You are invited to our Reunion Picnic on Saturday, May 31st, from 11am-6pm.
 LOCATION: Westside Park Shelter, 820 West Main St. Greenwood, IN 46142
 FOOD: Please bring a covered dish to share along with your own drinks. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Paper Plates, Silverware and Napkins will be provided,
 DONATION: \$5:00 per person requested.
 RSVP@ St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School Reunion Facebook Page or email cynthiasueschrader@gmail.com

The Refuge, the food pantry we support in Greenwood, is in frequent need of the following items: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper meals, canned or dried beans, rice-a-roni, small bags of rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, canned pasta, canned meat, boxed meals, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wipes, toilet paper, kleenex, and disinfectant wipes.

June 16-20 9:00-11:30 am is Concordia's Vacation Bible School Epic Australian Adventure. We need participants, volunteers, and donations. Look at the sign up in the lobby to see how you can help.

Up through endless ranks of angels! Celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord with your brothers and sisters in Christ at St Peter's (2525 E. 11th St. 46201). **Divine Service Thursday, 29 May at 7p.** Gemutlichkeit to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share (from Pastor Seth Mierow).

Bicycle - a bicycle was left near the front entrance to the church during the week of May 11 to May 17. If anyone knows who owns this bicycle please ask them to remove it from the church. If the bicycle is not claimed by Friday, May 30, then it will be donated.

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for May 18, 2025

	Worship Attendance: Sunday	Worship Services - 9:30 am - 95	
Operating Budget Offering : \$25,900.00	YTD Unified Budget Offerings: \$138,503.57	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget: \$130,245.00 (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget: \$356,450.00

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THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

May 25	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
May 26	Monday		
May 27	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
May 28	Wed.		
May 29	Thurs.		
May 30	Friday		
May 31	Saturday	9:00a	VBS Training
June 1	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

Prayers & Intercessions (Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Linda Snyder 3/30/25
- Fred Foster 3/30/25 ٠
 - Betty Economou 1/12/25
 - Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22
- Peter Economou 4/22/19

Friends of Concordia

- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Falon Wildrick 3/31/25
- Pam Perry 3/31/25
- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Rick Zoellner 12/30/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

Battling Cancer / MS

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State St Ball Brothers 123, Franklin IN 46131
- Pat Barnes, 8601 Shelby St, Apt 236, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Military Servicemen & women

- ٠ Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 • Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG) •
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail. Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)

Note: Please provide updates to office for additions and removals to the "Prayers & Intercession" listina.

Emergencies: For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer at 620-886-0911. Leave a message if he doesn't answer.

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