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**Holy Cross Day**  
September 14, 2025  
Pastor Samuel Scheltens

## DIVINE SERVICE III

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### HYMN OF INVOCATION: 453 UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED

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

#### INVOCATION

- P** 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

### INTROIT – TONE G

*Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*



The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.  
 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things! \*  
 His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.  
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; \*  
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!  
 With trumpets and the sound | of the horn \*  
 make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!  
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
 The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; \*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 21:4-9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for

the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL – TONE G

*Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15*



“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,\*  
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]  
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,\*  
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

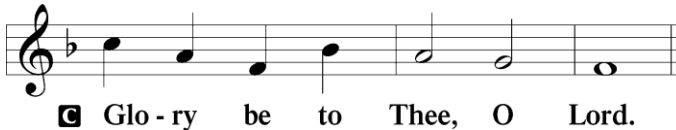
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## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:20–33*

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



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**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.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 454 SING, MY TONGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE**

**SERMON**

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Stand*

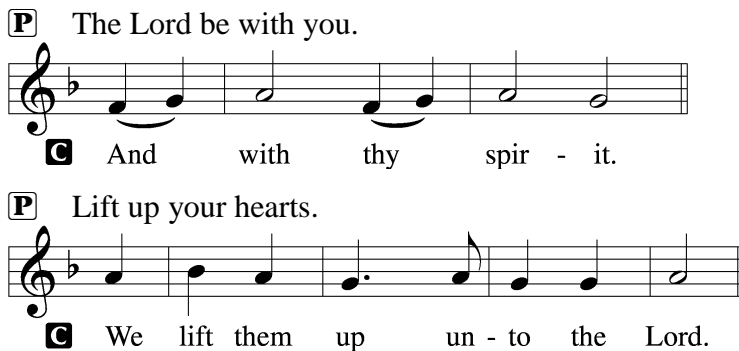
## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- 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*

## PREFACE

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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:

## SANCTUS

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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## PAX DOMINI

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 421 JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 428 CROSS OF JESUS, CROSS OF SORROW**

*Stand*

## THE DISMISSAL

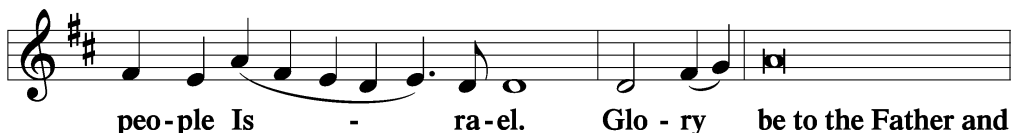
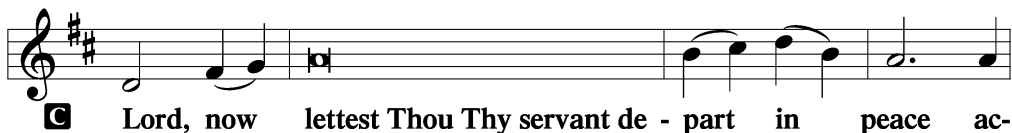
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

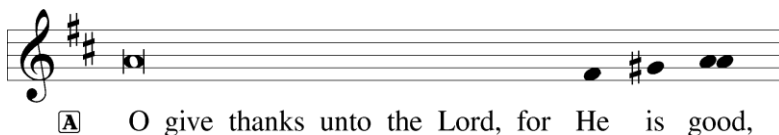
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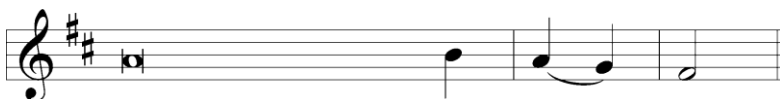
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# THANKSGIVING

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**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God...

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION

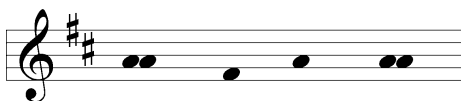
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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**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: 455 THE ROYAL BANNERS FORWARD GO

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## Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements September 14, 2025

Pray for the **David Wilson** family in the passing of his father George Wilson on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025.

From Pastor Scheltens: "Men of Concordia – The **men's Bible study** will resume meeting on September 24, at 6:00am. The topic will be the Whats and Whys of the Liturgy. Bring whatever Bible you use at home, a hymnal if you've got it, and a readiness to sing."

Monday evening **Weekly Divine Worship Service** - Mondays at 6:30 pm

The **West Wing Renovation** is under way and Fellowship 15 is suspended until further notice.

Save the date: Annual **Women's Retreat**, October 11-12 beginning around 4:00 PM on Friday and lasts until about 4:00 PM Saturday. The cost is \$35 per person; scholarships available. Meals provided. Sign up at the LWCC bulletin board.

It's Chicago's Pizza and Football time again. You get a large 1 topping pizza for \$16.00. Please support our **West Wing Renovation**. Checks are to be made out to Concordia Lutheran Church. Please give all checks and cash to Diane Smith. This will run for 3 weeks. You will receive a gift card good for a Large 1 topping pizza at any Chicago Pizza.

**Saturday, October 18th 9am-noon**, we'll have a church work day to start moving the boxes from storage, back to Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. We will have other jobs available too.

**Sunday, October 5th 5pm-8pm**, we'll have a Congregational Campfire at Southeastway Park 5624 S Carroll Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46239 Shelter #1. Water, hot dogs, chips, and s'mores are provided. There will be a hayride that will leave our shelter site at 5:20pm. Everyone is invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

## Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Sept. 7, 2025

	Worship Attendance: Sunday Monday	Worship Services - 9:30 am - <b>85</b> 6:30 pm - <b>13</b>	
Operating Budget Offering : <b>\$4,201.00</b>	YTD Unified Budget Offerings: <b>\$217,381.35</b>	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget: <b>\$239,655.00</b> (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget: <b>\$356,450.00</b>

Birthdays:		Wedding Anniversaries:	
		Years	
Stephenson, Gini	9/14	Jim & Becky Lanning	51 9/14
Coffey, Jessica	9/16	Jennifer & Adam Musgrove	9 9/17
Reinke, Stacy	9/18		
Johnson, Georgieanne	9/18		
Inman, Linda	9/19		
Boesenberg, Don	9/21		
Distler, Allen	9/21		
Chaudhary, Alex	9/21		

## THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Sept 14	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Sept 15	Monday	6:30p 7:00p	Divine Worship Church Council
Sept 16	Tuesday		
Sept 17	Wed.		
Sept 18	Thurs.		
Sept 19	Friday		
Sept 20	Saturday		
Sept 21	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

- Lynda Martin 6/16/25
- Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22
- Peter Economou 4/22/19



#### Friends of Concordia

- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- 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
- 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 125, Franklin IN 46131
- Ginny Emmons, 581 Cielo Vista Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143
- Phillis Infante, 1501 S Meridian St Apt 139, Indianapolis, IN 46225
- Pat Barnes, St. Francis Hospital
- Norma Krall, Aspen Trace

### Military Servicemen & women

- 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)
- PVT Macy Ranbarger (NAS Pensacola)

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

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