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St. Matthew  
September 21, 2025  
Pastor Samuel Scheltens

## DIVINE SERVICE III

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### HYMN OF INVOCATION: 518 BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE

*sts. 1, 25, 3*

*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 92:1–5; antiphon: Matthew 9:13b, c*



I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*  
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.  
How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!  
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.  
I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*  
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

### 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;



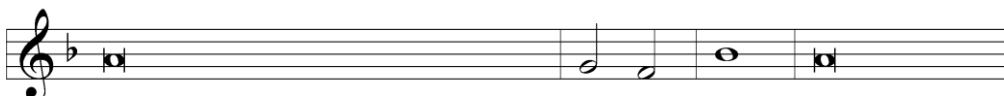
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



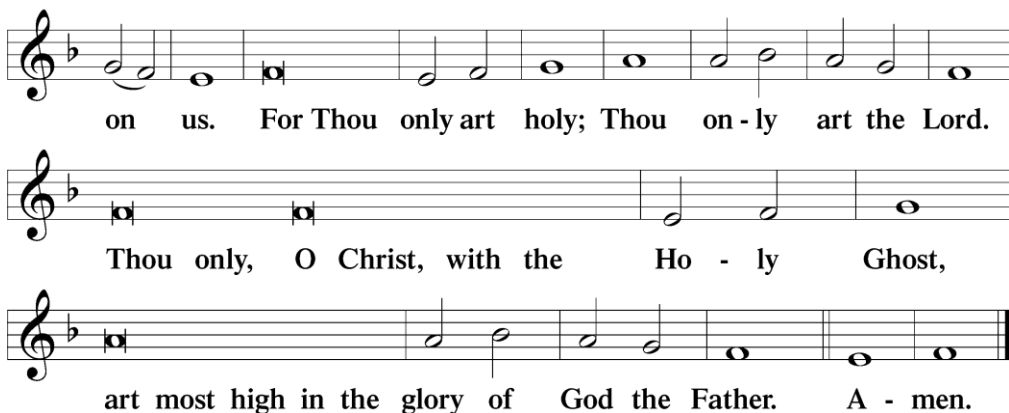
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



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** O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 2:8—3:11*

“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL – TONE G

*Psalms 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c*



**Your word is a lamp | to my feet\***  
**and a light | to my path.**

**How sweet are your words | to my taste,\***  
**sweeter than honey | to my mouth!**

**My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;\***  
**my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 4:7–16*

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9:9–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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: 730 WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME

### 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*



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

### 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

194

- 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

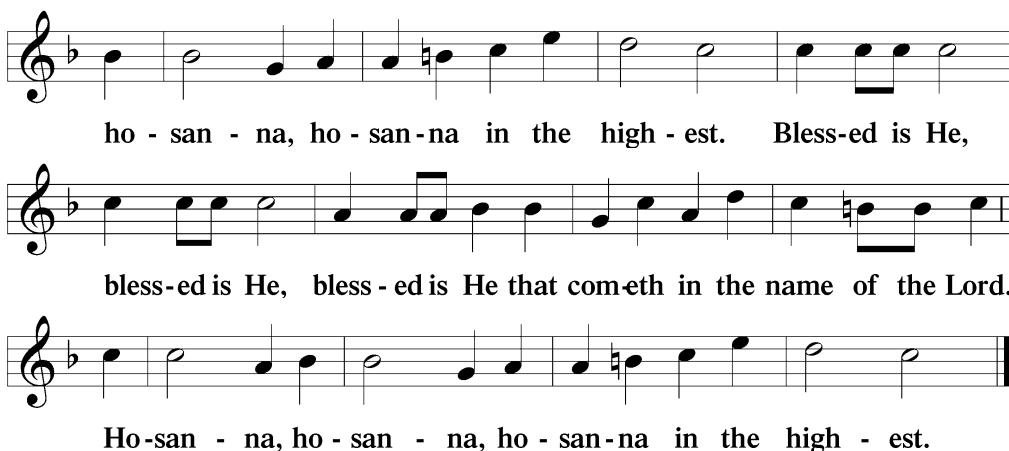
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- C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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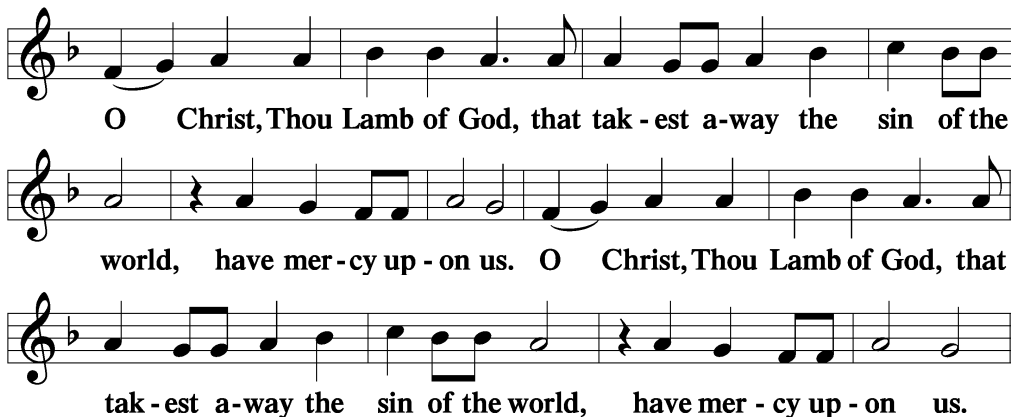
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



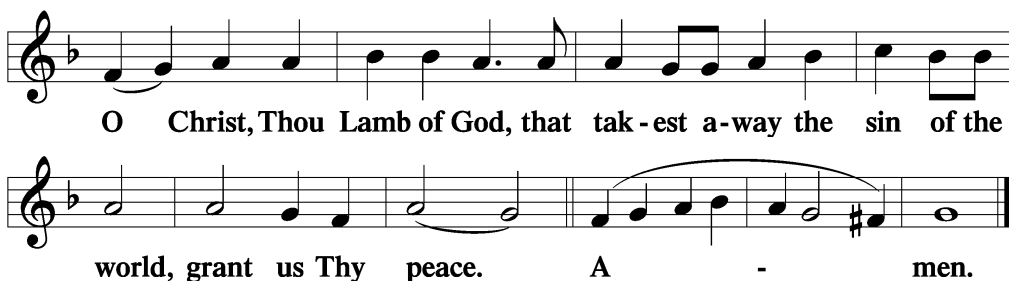
**A** - men.

# **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.



*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 632 O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 909 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION**

*Stand*

## THE DISMISSAL

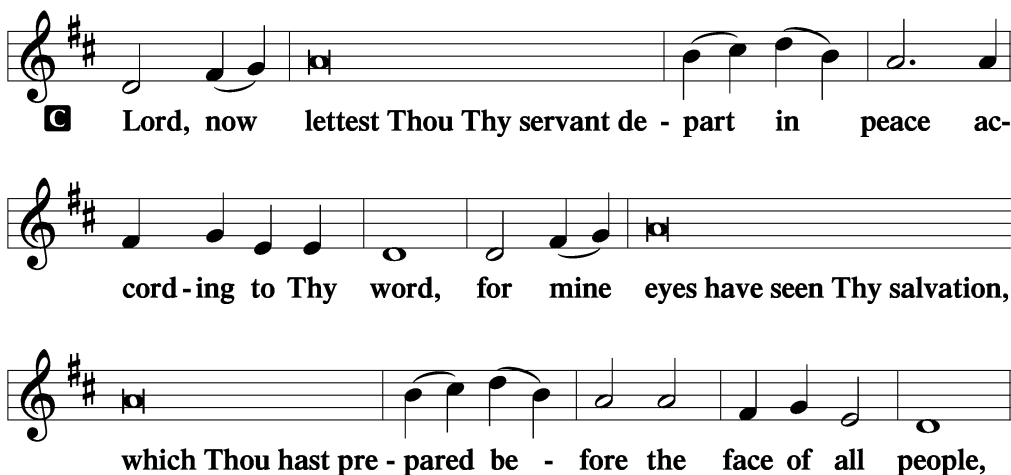
*LSB 199*

**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.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*199*



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**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

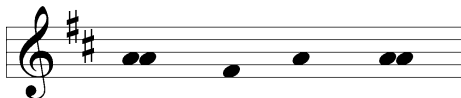
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## HYMN TO DEPART: 609 JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

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## Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements September 21, 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."

The **Right to Life banquet** is Monday, October 27 at Grace House (formerly Grace Assembly of God) on US 31 S in Whiteland. The banquet begins at 6:30 and tickets are \$35. This year's keynote speaker is Monica Kelsey, bestselling author and founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Monica will share her powerful testimony of learning how she was conceived in rape and abandoned as an infant, and how that knowledge has spurred her passion for eliminating infant abandonment across the US and world. Questions and RSVPs can be directed to Emily McNally.

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 10-11 beginning at 6:00 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. We are collecting donations for the Refuge food pantry.

On Oct. 5, **Seminarian Corrie Steel** will be preaching and leading Bible study. He will discuss his experience as an Australian student in America, as well as give an update on the confessional synod Lutheran Mission in Australia. There will be a free-will offering to support him in his studies.

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.

**Seminary Gift Cards** are being collected for Concordia Fort Wayne's Christmas Marketplace. We will collect gift cards until October 26th. Gift cards should be in increments of \$10, \$20, and \$25 so the seminary can share more with more students. Gift cards can be to grocery stores, gas stations, clothing stores, restaurants, or more. Cash may also be accepted and gift cards will be purchased to send to the Christmas Shop. Thank you for supporting the men who are studying to become pastors and their families.

Our Fall **Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, Nov. 16, following the 9:30 am worship service.

**Portals of Prayer** and **Hope-Full Living** devotionals for October-November-December now available at back of church.

# Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Sept. 14, 2025

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|--|--|---|--|
|  | Worship Attendance:<br>Sunday<br>Monday              | Worship Services -<br>9:30 am - <b>85</b><br>6:30 pm - <b>16</b>                    |  |
| Operating Budget<br>Offering : <b>\$6,701.00</b> | YTD Unified Budget<br>Offerings: <b>\$223,452.35</b> | 2025 Operating YTD needed for<br>budget: <b>\$246,510.00</b><br>(\$6,855.00 weekly) | 2025 Annual Budget:<br><b>\$356,450.00</b> |

| <b>Birthdays:</b>   | <b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b><br><b>Years</b> |
|---|---|
| Boesenberg, Don 9/21<br>Distler, Allen 9/21<br>Chaudhary, Alex 9/21<br>Roemer, Jim 9/22<br>Slemons, Sherry 9/25 | Mark & Marilyn Lawler 39 9/27                 |

## THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

|         |          |                          |  |
|---------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| Sept 21 | Sunday   | 9:30a<br>10:45a          | Divine Worship<br>Sunday School                        |
| Sept 22 | Monday   | 6:30p                    | Divine Worship   |
| Sept 23 | Tuesday  | 7:00p                    | Women's Bible Study                                    |
| Sept 24 | Wed.     | 6:00a                    | Men's Bible Study                                      |
| Sept 25 | Thurs.   |                          |  |
| Sept 26 | Friday   |                          |  |
| Sept 27 | Saturday |                          |  |
| Sept 28 | Sunday   | 9:30a<br>10:45a<br>6:00p | Divine Worship<br>Sunday School<br>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, Rm #515

### 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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#### Pastor Sam's Office Hours:

Mon and Wed mornings - By appointment  
 Tues and Thurs mornings - Available for walk-ins  
 Afternoons - open for visits

**Emergencies:** For pastoral care, call Pastor Sam Scheltens at 309-824-5903, email [pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com)