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**Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity**  
September 28, 2025  
Pastor Samuel Scheltens

## DIVINE SERVICE III

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### HYMN OF INVOCATION: 719 I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD'S DIRECTION

*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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.  
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.  
Gladden the soul of your | servant,\*  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.  
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.  
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\*  
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;  
give your strength to your | servant,\*  
and save the son of your maid- | servant.  
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.  
Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.  
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.

### 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;



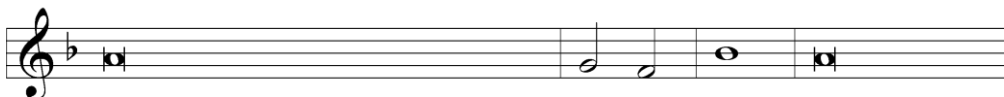
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



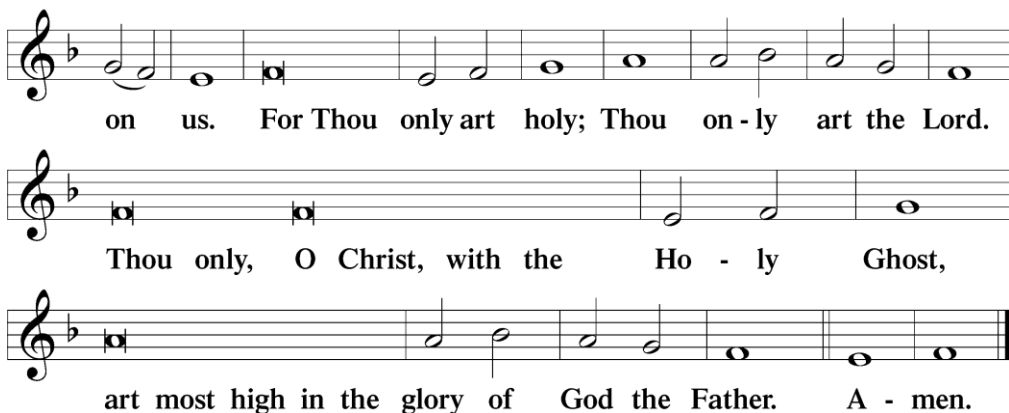
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



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 Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL – TONE G

*Psalm 118:8–9*



**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\***  
**than to | trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\***  
**than to trust in | princes.**

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 5:25—6:10*

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let

each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**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 6:24–34*

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



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

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and

tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 760 WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

### SERMON

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

192

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

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

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

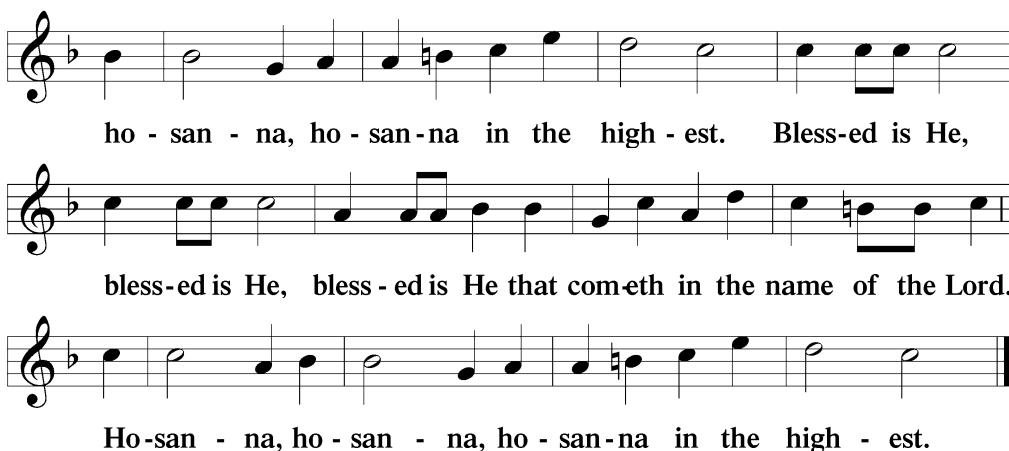
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- C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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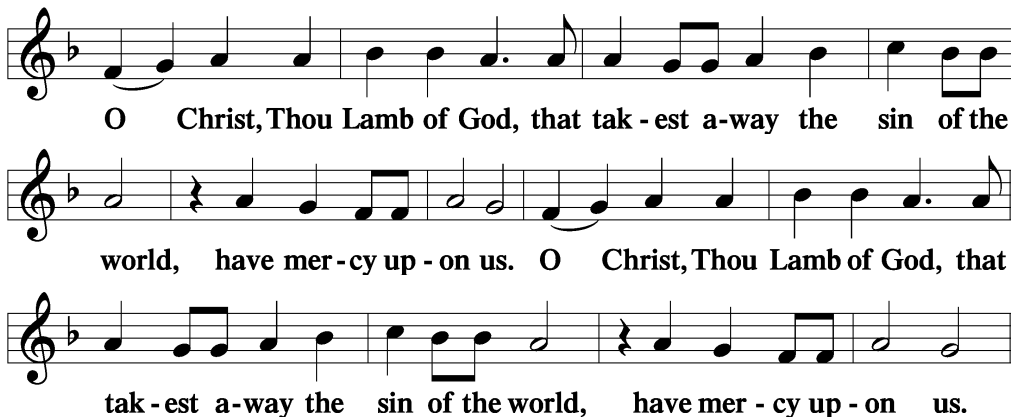
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**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.



*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 869 WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 726 EVENING AND MORNING**

*Stand*

## THE DISMISSAL

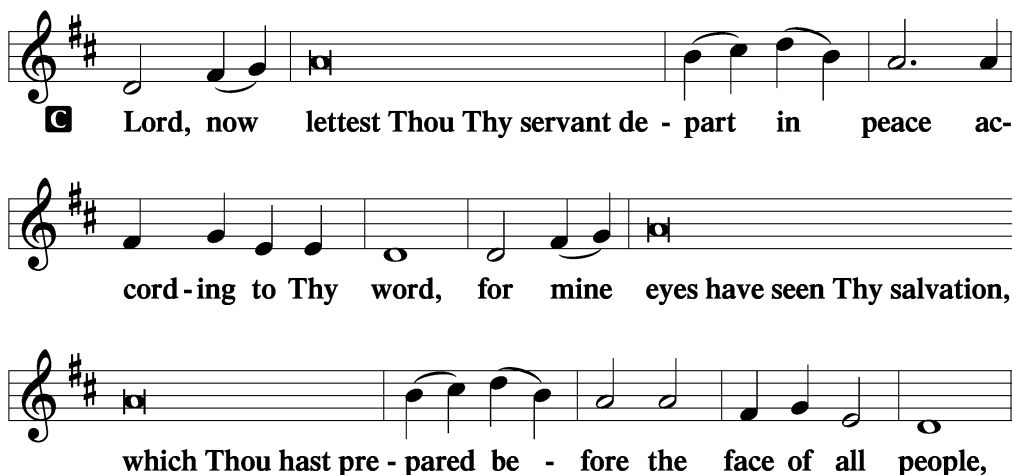
*LSB 199*

**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.

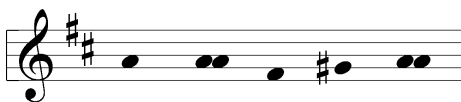
## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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

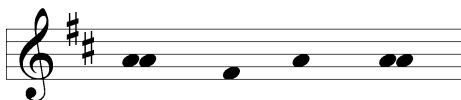
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**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: 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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## Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements

### September 28, 2025

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.

Are you a worrier? Do you sometimes wonder if God listens to you? Come to the annual **Ladies Retreat** at Camp Lakeview on October 10-11. The Bible topic that we will be studying is "Believe, Trust, Commit." It is intended to help us grow stronger in our faith and trust in God. We begin at 6:00 pm on Friday with a light supper, opening devotion and fellowship time. On Saturday we will study the Bible and sing songs, and do a craft that will benefit someone. If, for some reason you don't or can't come on Friday night you can come on Saturday only. We usually start our first Bible study around 8:30 am. We would be happy to have you join us. Simply sign up on the sheet on the LWCC bulletin board and let us know you will be coming on Saturday. We need to know how many to prepare for. Try it, you might just like it.

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.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** Saturday, **October 26th** 9am-noon, we'll have a **church work day** to start moving the tables and 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.

**Treats for kids and shut ins** we will not be doing a trunk or treat this year. If you would like to bring treats for the kids of Concordia or for shut ins, we will set out bags that you can put treats in.

**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.

**Preschool Trick or Treating** will take place on October 30th and 31st this year from 9am-9:30am. Congregation members and parents can gather at 9am at church and we'll have donuts and coffee available. Kids will come over around 9:20am and trick or treat. We have 10 kids in our PreK class (Oct 30) and 10 kids in our 3's class (Oct 31). If you would like to participate, please bring individually wrapped treats or talk to Sarah Shadday and she will provide something for you.

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

**Christmas Card Collection** for Chloe Munoz (Owen). She is being deployed. Dean and Tammy are collecting Christmas cards for her until November 14. There is a gray cube under the bulletin board for them.

Our altar flowers are in celebration of **Jayme Yeater and Noah Roleson's wedding** on Friday, the 26th.

## Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Sept. 21, 2025

	Worship Attendance: Sunday Monday	Worship Services - 9:30 am - <b>92</b> 6:30 pm - <b>15</b>	
Operating Budget Offering : <b>\$2,912.00</b>	YTD Unified Budget Offerings: <b>\$226,364.35</b>	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget: <b>\$253,365.00</b> (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget: <b>\$356,450.00</b>

<b>Birthdays:</b>		<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b> <b>Years</b>	
Beam-Garland Dianne	9/29	Allen & Albi Distler	71 10/5
Brooks, Abigail	10/1		
Brooks, Kaylee	10/1		
Markel III, Bruce	10/1		
Larson, Janet	10/4		
Guinn, Luke	10/4		
Monroe, Carol	10/5		
Thetford, Tyler	10/5		

### THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Sept 28	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Sept 29	Monday	6:30p	Divine Worship
Sept 30	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Oct 1	Wed.		LWR - Quilt drop off
Oct 2	Thurs.		LWR - Quilt drop off
Oct 3	Friday		LWR - Quilt drop off
Oct 4	Saturday		
Oct 5	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 6:00p	LWML Sunday (purple) Divine Worship Sunday School Campfire Fellowship Southeastway Park 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

- Chuck Buth 9/23/25
- 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)