## Reformation October 26, 2025 Pastor Samuel Scheltens

## Greetings in Christ, and welcome to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are visiting us for the first time or have not before received Communion from Pastor Scheltens, please speak to Pastor before approaching the altar for the first time.

## DIVINE SERVICE III

## HYMN OF INVOCATION: 580 THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER'S GRACE

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,
- 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,
- 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

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]\* and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- ten to me;\*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*

none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

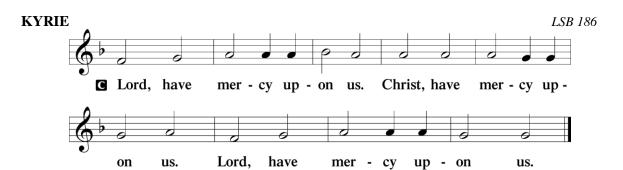
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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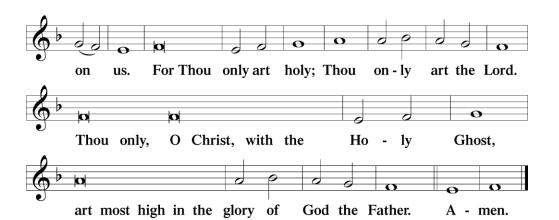


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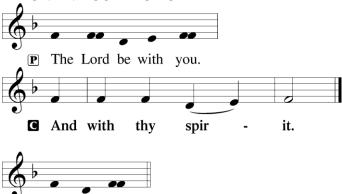


Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.



Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised\* in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\* consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels, that you may tell the next gener- | ation\*

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

EPISTLE Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:12–19

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



[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

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



#### NICENE CREED

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: 656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

### **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

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

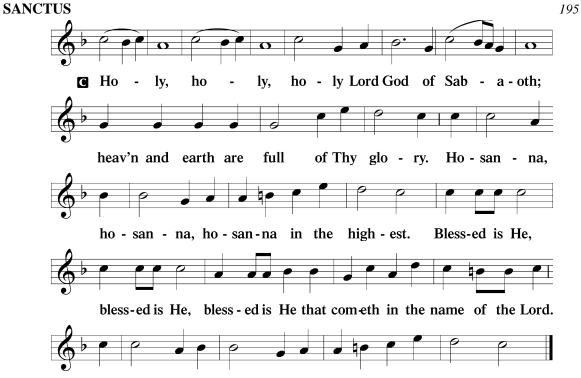




**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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:



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

LORD'S PRAYER

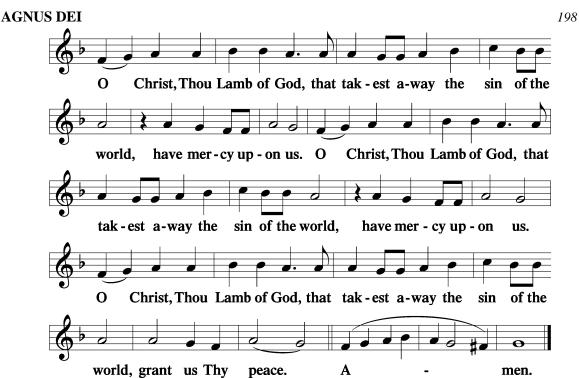
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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





Sit

Everyone who eats the Lord's Supper here, where Christ gives us His Body and His Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the nourishing of our faith, confesses that they are in full agreement with what we teach and believe here at Concordia.

Concordia is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and so those who are members in good standing of another church in the Missouri Synod or another body in fellowship with it are welcome to eat and drink the Supper with us here today after speaking with Pastor.

If you are not a member of a Missouri Synod congregation, you are always welcome to hear God's Word with us, and you may still come forward and receive a blessing from Pastor; please cross your arms so Pastor and other communion assistants know that you are just visiting us today.

### DISTRIBUTION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

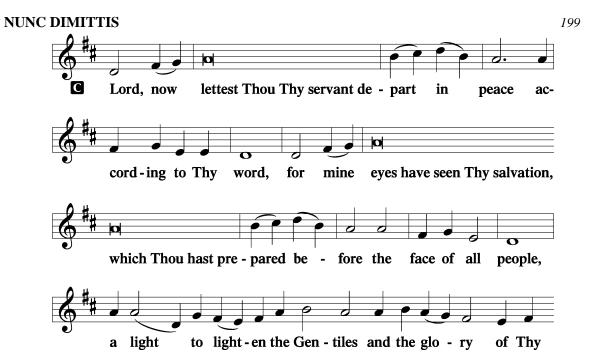
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

Stand

THE DISMISSAL LSB 199

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.



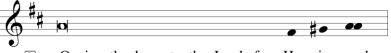




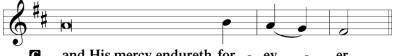
the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, to



**THANKSGIVING** LSB 200



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He



and His mercy endureth for - ev er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God...

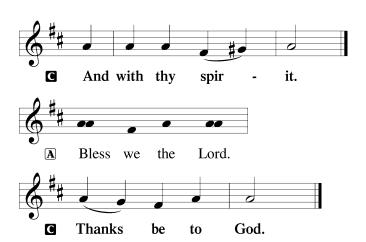
...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**SALUTATION** 201



P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICTION 202

**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: 655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

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# Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements October 26 2025

Congratulations to Pastor Sam and Isabel Scheltens on the birth of a baby boy, Sebastian Ehud last Sunday, Oct 19.

**Reformation Day Divine Service, St. Peter's Indianapolis** – St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Indianapolis invites you to their annual Reformation Day Divine Service on October 31, at 7pm. Gemütlichkeit to follow. See more detailed announcement on Bulletin Board One.

The **Right to Life banquet** is tomorrow, 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.

Today starting at noon (after Sunday School until finished) will be 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.

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 through today. 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 this week, on October 30th and 31st 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.

Honey Sundays for the **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch fundraiser** are on Sundays Nov. 2 and 9. The recommended purchase price is \$10 each. All of the proceeds are sent to the Ranch and the ranch will send each bottle directly to your home. Forms and sample will be located in the foyer on those 2 Sundays. Thank you for your support in advance LWCC.

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

November 8 all ladies are invited to Zion Lutheran, 6513 W 300 S, New Palestine, IN 46163. Christena Estby will speak about her experiences with foster care, adoption, and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. A light breakfast and fellowship time begins at 8:45. The morning program commences at 9:30. We hope to bless Emmaus Lutheran's food pantry with non-perishable items and Christena's mission, Working for Wheels, with a freewill offering. Invite a friend.

In order to keep our newly renovated fellowship hall and kitchen as clean and beautiful as possible, the council as decided to restrict Fellowship 15 to coffee, juice, and pastries. All food should be removed after the Sunday School hour. Thank you!

Need a greeting card? Don't forget our wonderful cards for all occasions outside the library, 30 to 50 cents.

Altar flowers are in honor of the **Lanning family** October and November birthdays, also in celebration of the 33rd Wedding Anniversary of **Jim and Julia Yeater**.

## Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Oct. 19, 2025

Last Week	Time	Worship Attendance
Sunday	9:30 AM	80
Monday	6:30 PM	N/A

Operating Budget Offering	\$3,215.00
YTD Unified Budget Offerings	\$244,540.35
2025 Operating YTD needed for Budget (\$6,855.00 weekly)	\$280,785.00
2025 Annual Budget	\$356,450.00

Birthdays:		Wedding Anniversaries: Years
Tinsley, Margaret	10/27	
Olmos, Adriana	10/31	
Marot, Caroline	10/31	

## THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Oct 26	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 12:00p 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Church Work Day Women's Bible Study
Oct 27	Monday	6:30p	Divine Worship
Oct 28	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Oct 29	Wed.		
Oct 30	Thurs.	9:00a	Preschool Trick or Treating
Oct 31	Friday	9:00a	REFORMATION DAY Preschool Trick or Treating
Nov 1	Saturday		
Nov 2	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Honey Sunday Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

## **Prayers & Intercessions (Matthew 8:17)**

# Concordia Members Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Craig Smith 9/30/25
- Jim Lanning 9/29/25
- Betty Economou 9/22/25
- 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
- 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
- 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.

### Pastor Scheltens' Office Hours:

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

Pastoral Care: call Pastor Sam Scheltens at 309-824-5903, email pastorscheltens@concordialcms.com