



CONCORDIA
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Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 23, 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: 672 JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

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

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as
nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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 ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
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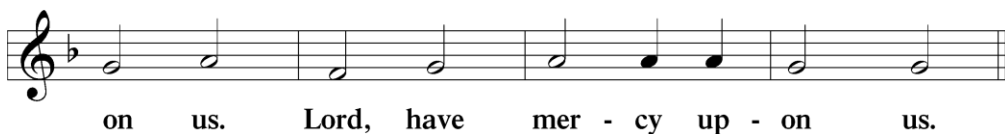
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

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

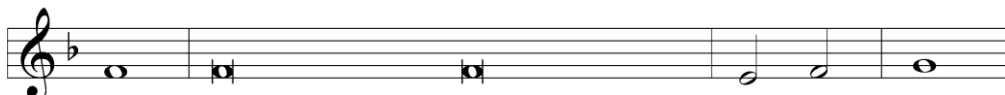


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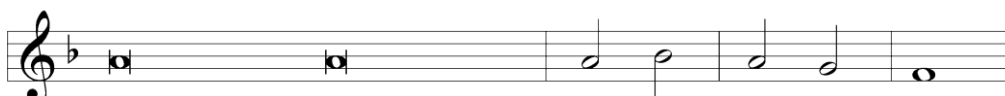
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men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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

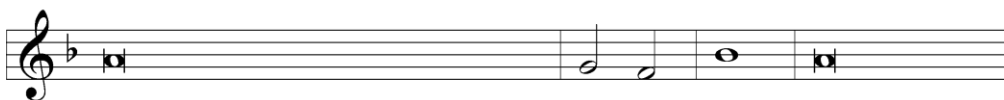


O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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

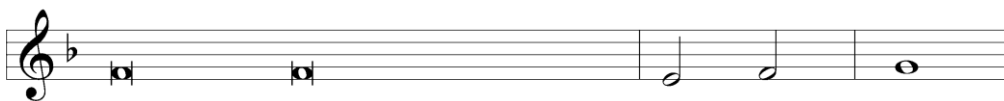




Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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



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

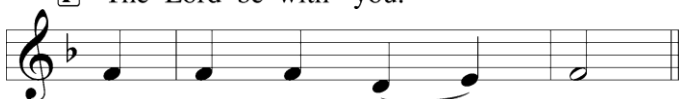


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful 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*Isaiah 65:17–25*

“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:14–15



In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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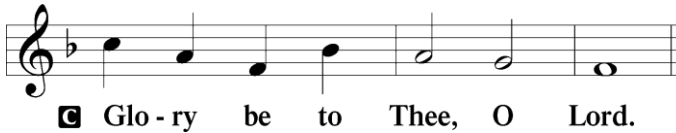


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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: 516 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY

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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.

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

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: 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 514 THE BRIDEGROOM SOON WILL CALL US

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 674 JERUSALEM, O CITY FAIR AND HIGH

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 673 JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

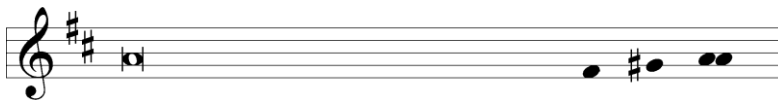
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to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

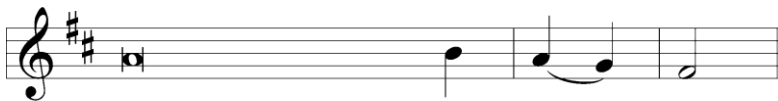
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

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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

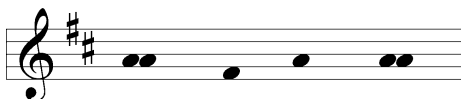
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

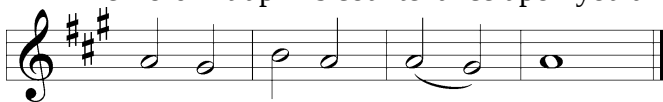


C Thanks be to God.

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: 663 RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements November 23, 2025

Anniversary Meal will take place today after the Divine Service. Church will provide the meat and the dessert. Members of Concordia are welcomed to bring a side dish to enhance the meal.

Thrivent Action Teams are still needed this year. If you are a Thrivent member, you likely have FREE Action Teams which can be \$250 to sponsor an event. Events we're looking for sponsors include: Advent Dinners (November/December), Christmas Cookie Exchange (December), Preschool Christmas Gifts (December), and Preschool Program Reception (December). If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to sponsor one of these events, let Sarah Shadday sarah.shadday@concordia-lcms.com or 314-330-3782 know and she can help with the forms.

The season of Advent will be here soon. We will have **Advent meals** starting at 5pm on December 3 and 10. Please, sign up on the bulletin board so we have an idea of how much food to prepare. Congregation members are welcome to bring desserts, but it is not required.

Our **Congregational Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 14th during the Education Hour. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Sarah Shadday. We will also have a **cookie exchange** that day. If you would like to participate, please bring 1-2 batches of one type of cookie. Participants will be able to put together a tray of cookies made up of all the different cookie brought in. We will also share some of the cookies with our homebound members. Please look for the cookie sign up on the bulletin board so we don't get to many of the same type of cookies. If you would like to participate but don't want to bake a batch of cookies, talk to Sarah Shadday.

Pop Up Bazar today! The remaining items from our talented Crafters will be available for purchase. The Craft Fairs at Lu High and Calvary netted \$1073 the West Wing Renovation Fund. Thank you to all who donated and helped with set up and take down.

Please pray for the Yeater and Werner family in the passing of **Juliet Renee Werner**, daughter of Reid and Jenna Yeater Werner, who was born prematurely at 25 weeks.

Last Sunday - Nov. 16, 2025					THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA			
Last Week	Time	Worship Attendance	Operating Budget Offering	\$19,715.00	Date	Day	Time	Event
Sunday	09:30 AM	101	YTD Unified Budget Offerings	\$278,683.46	23-Nov	Sunday		Giving Tree
			2025 Operating YTD needed for Budget (\$6,855.00 weekly)	\$308,205.00			09:30 AM	Divine Worship
Monday	06:30 PM	11	2025 Annual Budget	\$356,450.00			10:45 AM	Sunday School
							11:00 AM	Concordia Anniversary Dinner
					24-Nov	Monday	06:30 PM	Divine Worship
Birthdays (this week):			Wedding Anniversaries (this week):		25-Nov	Tuesday		
DeFabis, Wendy	11/23				26-Nov	Wednesday	06:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Divine Worship Service
Snyder, Rick	11/26				27-Nov	Thursday		
Austin, Mary	11/28				28-Nov	Friday		
Horn, Kevin	11/28				29-Nov	Saturday		
Roncicka, Brett	11/28				30-Nov	Sunday	09:30 AM	Divine Worship
Krause, Dawn	11/29						10:45 AM	Sunday School
							06:00 PM	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
- Pat Barnes, 2339 S 135, Rm 308,
Greenwood, IN 46143

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)
- PFC Macy Ranbarger (MCAS New
River, NC)

Concordia Member - death of family

- Family of Juliet Renee Werner in her
passing, born premature at 25
weeks. Daughter of Reid and Jenna
Werner. Granddaughter of Jim and
Julia Yeater.
- Family of Dan Bass in his passing.
Susan Bass Henrickson's father-in-
law.
- Family of Orpha Emkes in her
passing. Mike Emkes's mother.

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

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