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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 23, 2026
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 (LSB 184)

Opening Hymn

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1–2a



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me! *
O LORD, make haste to | help me!
Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion *
who | seek my life!
Let them be | turned back *
and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!
May all who seek | you rejoice *
and be | glad in you!
You are my help and my de- | liverer; *
O LORD, do | not delay!
**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.**
Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me! *
O LORD, make haste to | help me!
Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion *
who | seek my life!

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of
Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 34:1–2

**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.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.
⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

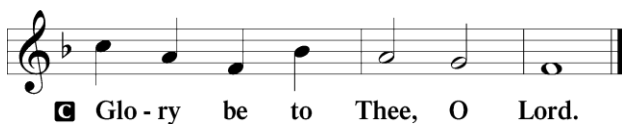


Pastor -- Alleluia Verse Congregation – REPEAT Alleluia

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be

opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day

545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benediction

LSB 200-202

Closing Hymn

797 Praise the Almighty