



LWML SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

11:00AM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love” 900

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him,
and ask His gracious forgiveness.

C We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first and have too much followed the desires of our own hearts. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to

forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

P Spare us, O God, who confess our faults. Restore us who are penitent, according to Your promises declared in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

John Leavitt

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” 655

SERMON

“Step On It” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We sit.

LWML QUILT BLESSING

L We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life’s necessities to those in need.

C We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.

L To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

C Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.

L Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in churches and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."

C We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.

L Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.

C Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.

L Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief.

C Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.

L For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

We stand.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, the Word Incarnate who in true humility fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in Your Holy Church, forever and ever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Serve the Lord with Gladness”**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.**

**Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.**

**Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.**

**Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

DO ALL THINGS
WITHOUT GRUMBLING
OR DISPUTING,
THAT YOU MAY BE
BLAMELESS
AND INNOCENT,
CHILDREN OF GOD
WITHOUT BLEMISH
IN THE MIDST
OF A CROOKED &
TWISTED GENERATION,
AMONG WHOM YOU

SHINE
AS LIGHTS
IN THE
WORLD



PHIL. 2:14, 15
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