



*The just
shall live
by faith*

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 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 (1 Cor 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 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 657

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & 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.

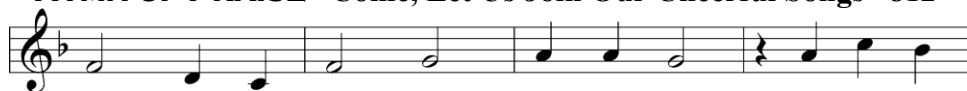
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and
iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly
deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am
heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I**

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 **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” 812



1	Come,	let	us	join	our	cheer - ful	songs	With	an - gels
2	“Wor -	thy	the	Lamb	that	died,”	they	cry,	“To be ex -
3	Je -	sus	is	wor -	thy	to	re -	ceive	Hon - or and
4	Let	all	cre -	a -	tion	join	in	one	To bless the



round	the	throne;	Ten	thou -	sand	thou -	sand
alt -	ed	thus!”	“Wor -	thy	the	Lamb,”	our
pow’r	di -	vine;	And	bless -	ings	more	than
sa -	cred	name	Of	Him	who	sits	up -



are	their	tongues,	But	all	their	joys	are	one.
lips	re -	ply,	“For	He	was	slain	for	us!”
we	can	give	Be,	Lord,	for -	ev -	er	Thine.
on	the	throne	And	to	a -	dore	the	Lamb.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM

“Thy Strong Word”

Anna Laura Page

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“God Is Our Refuge”

Alan Pote

SECOND READING

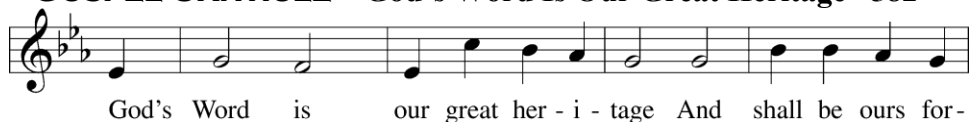
Romans 3:19-28

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” 582



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Strong Word”

578

St. 3 – lectern side; St 4 – pulpit side

SERMON

“That’s Ancient History”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

CREEDAL HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God”

954

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

961

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P O almighty God, merciful Lord, we remember before You the suffering and death of Your only Son, who paid our debt to sin with His one, all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross and rose to raise us from the grip and death of sin to new and everlasting life. Grant that we may come to this Holy Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood with clean hearts and receive to our benefit with faith the fruits of His redeeming work and so rejoice in the pledge and promise of eternal life, which is also given and bestowed in this blessed communion of His body and blood, just as He has promised.

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.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“By Grace I’m Saved” 566

“How Wide the Love of Christ” 535

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”** **794**

POSTLUDE

