

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023

11:00AM

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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 802

INVOCATION

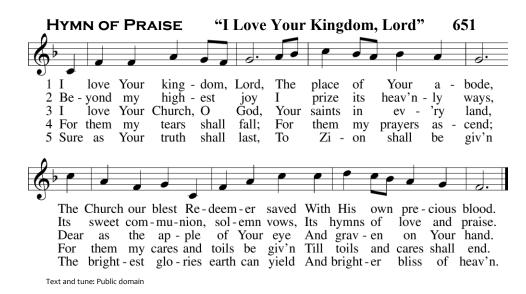
 ${\tt P}$ In the name of the Father and of the ${\tt T}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P God's ways are unsearchable; all things and we ourselves belong to Him.
- C But we are not righteous, for we have done the evil He forbids. We are not upright in heart, for we have thought to save ourselves. We are not at peace, for we have led others astray in our thoughtless words. We cannot save ourselves. Forgive us and lead us in paths pleasing to You, gracious God.
- P Although you have sinned, God still surrounds you with His protection, like the mountains around Jerusalem. He never rests in His seeking to guide your hands to do good. He has sent His Word to turn your thoughts back to His grace and mercy. His peace is made sure for you in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In His gracious love, God

declares you to be His good and righteous children. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. ■
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Pew Bible page 193 C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

L Those who trust in the LORD

C are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

- L As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
- C so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.
- L For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
- C lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

L Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

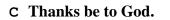
C and to those who are upright in their hearts!

L But those who turn aside to their crooked ways

C the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:28-39 Pew Bible page 1201



P This is the Word of the Lord.



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Pew Bible page 1041

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th 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 "The Church's One Foundation" 644

SERMON

"What's It Like?" Pastor Michael Geml

We stand. **NICENE CREED**

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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in great love You sent Your Son to atone for the sins of the whole world. We rejoice to receive His body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine for our salvation. Here we see Your eternal promises made visible; here we grasp the great price You paid; here we have a foretaste of the feast to come in the eternal kingdom of Your Son, our Lord. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20
 P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 "God Loved the World So That He Gave" 571 "What Is the World to Me" 730

We stand. **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" 917

Postlude

