



**“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”**

Matthew 14:31b:

# **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 13, 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 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” 816**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46*

P The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
**C and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

P I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
**C and I am saved from my enemies.**

P In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
**C to my God I cried for help.**

P From His temple He heard my voice,  
**C and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

P The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
**C and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

**C Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.**

P We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

**C Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.**

P We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

**C Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.**

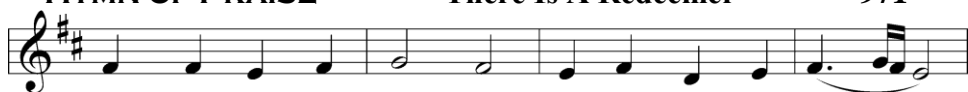
P All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

# "There Is A Redeemer"

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1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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.

C Thanks be to God.

**Job 38:4-18**

Pew Bible page 562

## EPISTLE READING

**Romans 10:5-17**

ℙ This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1203

**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## ALLELUIA



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## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:22-33**

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ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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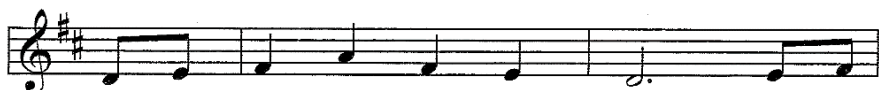
ℙ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

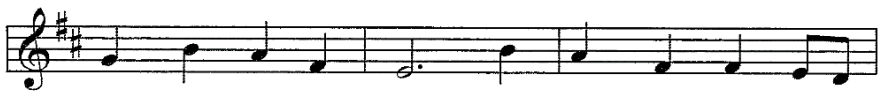
*We sit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**“This Is My Father’s World”**



1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And  
2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The  
3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh,



to my lis-t'ning ears All na - ture sings, and  
birds their car - ols raise; The morn - ing light, the  
let me ne'er for - get That, though the wrong seems



round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world; I  
This is my Fa - ther's world; He  
This is my Fa - ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of  
shines in all that's fair. In the rus - tling grass I  
should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the



skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.  
hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.  
heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

## SERMON

“When the Power Comes Back On”

Pastor Michael Geml

## BACKPACK BLESSING & BLESSING OF EDUCATORS

P As we celebrate the start of a new school year, we give thanks that God has provided our students with many opportunities to learn more about the world around them.

**C Learning is discovered in our schools, in our church, in our family, in our community, and in our world. Learning surrounds us.**

P Bless our institutions of education and all who enrich our children's learning through their teaching, guidance, and leadership.

**C We ask for God's blessings on our children as they grow in knowledge and wisdom.**

P Be ever present with them in the classroom, on the playground, and at home, that they may experience Your loving care in all they do.

**C Keep these precious children safe, excited, and ever seeking to learn more about the special gifts You have given to them.**

P We commit these children to You in prayer and ask for Your blessings on their academic journey.

*We stand.*

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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.**

### **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 answered our deepest need by destroying the power of death itself by His glorious resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising Your name and saying,

**C “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on Your creation. You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to redeem us fallen creatures. As we receive His body and blood in this sacred Meal, strengthen our faith until You turn it to sight. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**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**

**“Entrust Your Days and Burdens” 754**

**“Lead Me, Guide Me” 721**

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

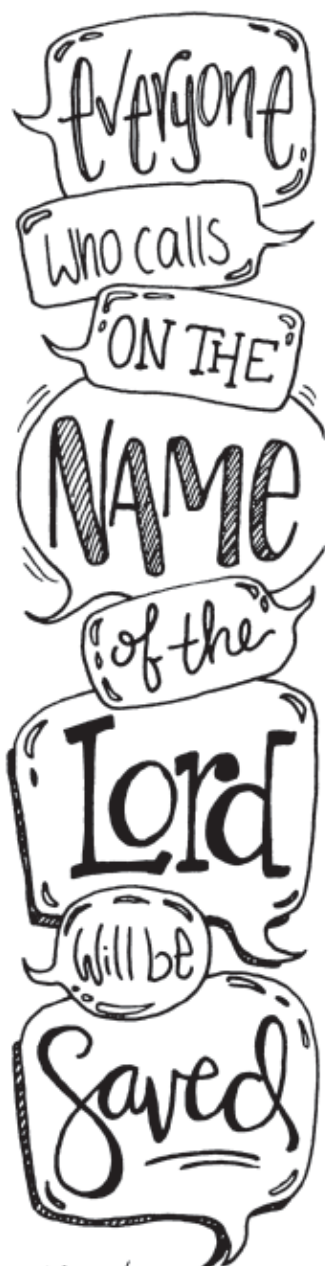
**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” 830**

**POSTLUDE**



## Sermon Notes



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