



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024

# Announcements for September 1, 2024

Sunday (1)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream Last Summer Fellowship following service 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (2)	Labor Day Church Office Closed
Tuesday (3)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (4)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation begins 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Sunday (8)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class begins 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

***Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!***

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 51  
Planned Returning: \$2,806 Actual Returning: \$918 YTD: (\$11,010)**

**Reminder – the church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 – Happy Labor Day!**

**REMINDER TO YOUTH – youth group has started up again. We will meet each Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm in the youth room. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to attend.**

**Upcoming dates to remember in September:**

- Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Labor Day – Church office closed
- Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
STEPP Up & Confirmation Begins – please be sure to turn in your registrations if you haven't already.
- Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Adult Bible Class begins! Join us after Sunday services at 10:00 am for the series "A Longer Look at the Lessons."
- Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Voter's Meeting following service. Please join us, all members are encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Elders Pancake Breakfast & Youth Mission Trip Presentation. Watch for more information to come.

**Youth Group is starting up for the year and is asking for your help with individually wrapped snack donations. Here is a list of youth favorites if you would like to help: Fruit Gushers, Cheddar Chex Mix, peanut butter crackers, bite or mini size assorted chocolate bars, microwave popcorn, & Gatorade. Check out the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet. Thanks for your support of Concordia's Youth Group!**

**Singles:** Please join Zion for their next event on **Sunday, September 8th** at **1:00pm** to play miniature golf at Airport National Golf Course (3001 Wright Brothers Blvd East, Cedar Rapids) and enjoy ice cream in the clubhouse afterwards. Please RSVP by calling Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077.

**Archbishop Joseph Omolo** of the Lutheran Church of Kenya will give a presentation at the Chapel on Friday, September 6, at 6:30 PM. His presentation will focus on "Hope for the Destitute," is a nonprofit organization in Kisumu, Kenya that provides educational support for orphaned children and shelter for needy widows. Many children are orphaned as a result of the high prevalence of HIV and AIDS in this country and are left in the care of elderly relatives who have no source of income. Education is not free in Kenya, and many students are unable to access it, leading to unemployment and a continual chain of poverty within their families. Hope for the Destitute ensures that orphaned children can access education as well as be nurtured spiritually in Lutheran teachings and devotions. You can access the website here - <https://www.hftdestitute.org/> An offering for Hope for the Destitute will be taken.

## Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

### 545 Word of God Come Down to Earth

- 1 **Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**
- 2 **Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die,  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.**
- 3 **Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
Heal the world, by sin now broken.**
- 4 **Word that speaks God's tender love,  
One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above,  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:14–23*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### 566 By Grace I'm Saved

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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### Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Offertory



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

**Offering**

**895 Now Thank We All Our God**

**1** Now thank we all our God  
 With hearts and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things has done,  
 In whom His world rejoices;  
 Who from our mothers' arms  
 Has blest us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love  
 And still is ours today.

**2** Oh, may this bounteous God  
 Through all our life be near us,  
 With ever joyful hearts  
 And blessèd peace to cheer us  
 And keep us in His grace  
 And guide us when perplexed  
 And free us from all ills  
 In this world and the next!

**△ 3** All praise and thanks to God  
 The Father now be given,  
 The Son, and Him who reigns  
 With them in highest heaven,  
 The one eternal God,  
 Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
 For thus it was, is now,  
 And shall be evermore.

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*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)**

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

- 1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss  
When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.
- 2 Help us that we Thy saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
O make us die to ev'ry sin,  
Each day create new life within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.
- 3 And when our earthly race is run,  
Death's bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun  
Continue till life's ending,  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior's hand,  
The crown of life obtaining.

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