



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

Announcements for October 18, 2026

Sunday (18)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream Fellowship Breakfast following worship service 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (19)	4:30-6:00 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (20)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (21)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation Class NO Women's Bible Study
Sunday (25)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-7:30 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:42 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning:1,705 \$YTD: (\$27,802)

PLEASE JOIN US THIS MORNING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE - Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the elders. Please join us for a scrambled egg, bacon & sausage breakfast, while enjoying some great fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Just in time for the holidays – get you Butter Braids. Youth will be taking orders until the end of October. Butter Braids will be delivered on November 16th. Order forms are on the back table in the narthex. Proceeds will go towards the 2028 Mission trip.

REMINDER -there will be no Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, October 21. We will resume on October 28 and start studying the women in Exodus.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 15th – Annual Harvest Dinner. You're invited to a pork dinner with vegetables and potatoes. Please sign up to let us know you're attending and to bring a salad or dessert to share. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

You and your family are invited to this year's FallFest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion! Save the date for Sunday, October 25 from 2-5 pm. We'll have Trunk or Treat, bouncy house (weather dependent), cake walk, lots of fall crafts and games, pumpkin painting, Bible Hero Scavenger Hunt, and more! Enjoy some yummy popcorn, bonfire-cooked s'mores, cocoa, and NEW this year hot dog + chips meal while we outreach to our community and enjoy fellowship together at the Reformation. Please contact the church office (319.377.4687) with any questions or visit <https://www.mystpauls.org/>.

Building Healthy Families: Are you hooked on live TV or internet news, which is so readily available 24/7? Constant exposure to the news can leave us anxious and overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. This week, consider taking a break. Instead, get out of the house, spend time visiting with and encouraging someone who is lonely, share a comforting Scripture, and remember and remind yourself and them that God remains faithfully at work in every circumstance. A few days away from the headlines, with a friend, and with the Word can reduce anxiety and help you refocus on the hope and peace found in Christ. www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

How Christ Lutheran High Will Be Built Christ Lutheran High has developed a four-step financial plan that starts with launching in a temporary facility and builds toward a permanent campus. We've raised \$120,000 toward our \$175,000 goal to begin classes in August 2027. Now through December 31, two generous donors will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. To read the full plan and find out how to double your impact, visit our blog at www.christlutheranhigh.org/updates. **For more news and updates, follow us on social media:** [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Holy Redeemer's October Neighbors' Table - The meal will consist of chili, chicken noodle soup, apple slices with caramel dip, corn, mac-n-cheese, cottage cheese, cake, and beverages. **All are welcome to join us.** The meal is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th. Serving runs from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Thankful Tribute

As We Gather

There are certain “givens” in our earthly lives. In a letter written in 1789, American statesman Benjamin Franklin wrote: “In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” Paying taxes is one of those unavoidable duties we have as citizens of our nation. Paul directed the Christians at Rome to pay “taxes to whom taxes are owed” (Romans 13:7) as part of their ongoing responsibilities. Jesus and His disciples also paid taxes (Matthew 17:24–27). While paying taxes may not be a joy-filled experience, giving from what God has given us to support the work done in our Lord’s name can be a source of joy as we bring an offering and come into His courts to “worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness” (Psalm 96:8–9).

#197 BOB Shout to the North

1. **Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

2. **Rise up, women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow’r
Of our glorious King of love.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Bridge: We’ve been through fire,
We’ve been through rain;
We’ve been refined by the pow’r of His name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with You.
You’ve burned the truth on our lips.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

3. **Rise up, church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we’ll fly.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

PREPARATION

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

1 Chronicles 16:28; Psalm 28:8; 29:2, 11; 68:34; 1 Peter 4:11

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- C** **The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- C** **May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!**
- P** Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
- C** **To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C** **O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful, and we acknowledge that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to the lives of others, and we have not always kept the commitments we have made or fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to us. We do sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and full forgiveness in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** Our gracious God hears our pleas and accepts our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. To those who repentantly call upon Him, our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

**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.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

#66 BOB Glorify Thy Name

1. **Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

2. **Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

3. **Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse Sequence

Colossians 2:10; Philippians 2:9–11

P You have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

C Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

C and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

BOB #169 Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2. For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

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

Offering

#65 Give Thanks BOB

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."
Give thanks, Give thanks.

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

BOB #69 Go Out as People of God

Chorus: Go out as people of God.
Go out as people of hope,
Go out as people renewed.
Your sins are forgiv'n,
You are made whole,
Now walk in the light of God.

Verse: You are the people God made as His own.
Made in His image, no longer alone.
His seal is on us, His Spirit divine,
Called to be people of God.

Chorus: Go out as people of God.
Go out as people of hope,
Go out as people renewed.
Your sins are forgiv'n,
You are made whole,
Now walk in the light of God.

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