

Readings for August 15, 2021

Prelude: “Ave Maria” by Franz Schubert

Prayer of the Day:

P: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11

⁷Because [the] shame [of God’s people] was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were

under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Hymn of Praise: Verses 3 & 4

Closing Hymn: Verses 3 & 4

Postlude: “Voluntary in C” by William Boyce

Prayer list: Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Jean, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Corie, Sandy, Gary, Michael, Will, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Jennifer, Dave, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.

Due to recent adjustments to guidelines outlined by the CDC and local governments, Concordia Church is also adjusting its worship protocols. We are now asking everyone to wear a mask during the worship service – regardless of vaccination status - for the safety of everyone attending on Sundays.

Our Baptism unites us in one common identity—we are God’s people and sisters and brothers together in God’s family. Rejoice with us today as we celebrate a new member of our family joining us through Holy Baptism: Lorena Salazar. Washed in the waters of Baptism, we are renewed, refreshed and made ready for God’s calling. How wonderful to be children of God.

Fellowship after worship has resumed! Enjoy some coffee and reconnect with your Concordia family. Fellowship will occur in the gym immediately following the conclusion of the worship service.

Our Family Faith resources page has been updated! You can now visit www.concordiafaith.org/familyfaith and find all of the videos and at-home resources for the Summer Family Faith Series: Six Days of Creation. This page also hosts all prior video children’s messages, as well as previous downloadable activities for your children and your family. We hope that these resources are a blessing to your faith this summer and beyond. Check it regularly for updates!

Concordia Church is partnering with the Common Pantry to support a ‘Take What You Need’ food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital, created for patients to grab grocery staples they need on their day of discharge. **Our next pick-up date is September 7th!** Please bring shelf-stable groceries (examples are: canned goods, pasta, jarred sauces, rice, boxed mixes, etc.) to the marked container(s) in the church’s main entrance **on or before Sunday, September 6th.** Connect with [Jen Phillips](#) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Fall Events:

Sunday, August 29th: Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us as we share a special blessing with students and teachers as they head back to school

Sunday, September 12th: Holy Cross Sunday

We’ll dedicate the new processional cross handmade by Gary Radtke and celebrate with a fellowship BBQ following worship!