

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn ELW #595 "Jesus Loves Me!" this I know, for Bi - ble tells me so; 1 Je - sus loves me! the heav - en's gates to 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died o - pen wide; 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way; lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong. he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in. he will take me home on high. when at last I come to die, Refrain Yes, Je - sus Je - sus loves me, loves me, yes, Bi - ble tells me yes, Je - sus loves me, the so.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast" (Setting 4)

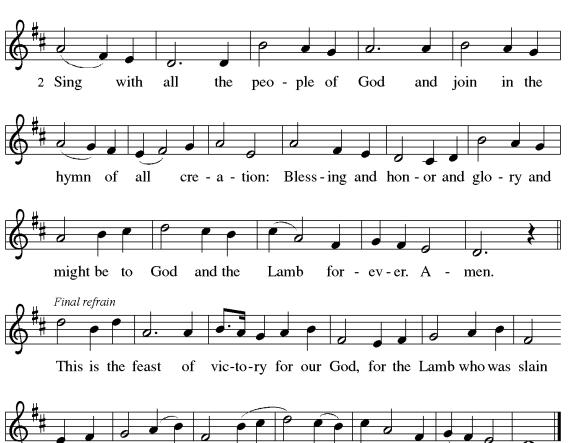


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Prayer of the Day

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P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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C: Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
 ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
 ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

°I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice, and listened to my ¹ supplication, ²for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me wheney- ¹ er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me; I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." R

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
 The LORD watches o-ver the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.
 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.
 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence [|] of the LORD in the land [|] of the living. **R**

Second Reading James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

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Second Reading con't

James 3:1-12

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 4





P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

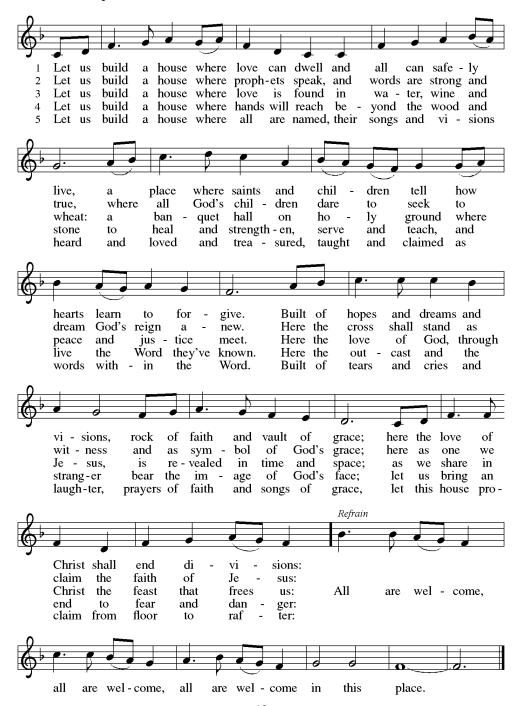
Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

ELW #641 "All Are Welcome"



Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you call forth your church by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Renew your church by your spirit that it may bear witness to your grace and love.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you call us to take up the cross and follow where your Son has led the way. Give us the wisdom to discern His path in our choices. Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. We especially pray for the people of Israel, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [pause for names] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.



The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

'Cantate Domino" Concordia Church Choir

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

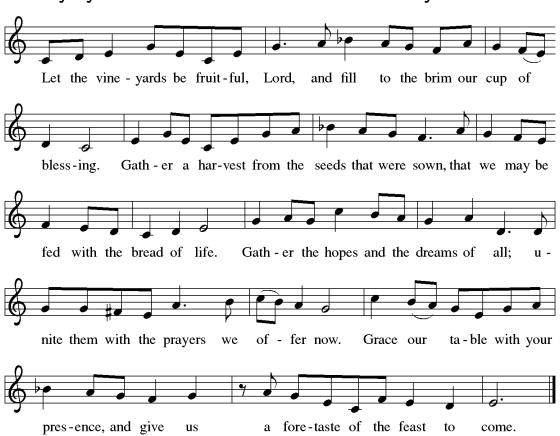


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Offertory Hymn

ELW #182 "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

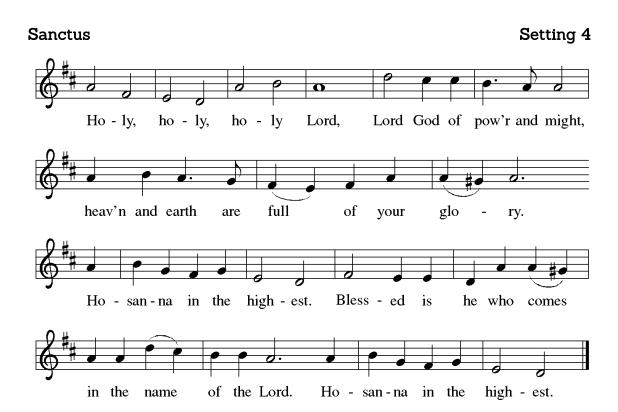
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: We give you thanks for your saving grace revealed in your Son, Jesus, who on the cross opened his arms to all. By his love we are called to follow where he has shown the way.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

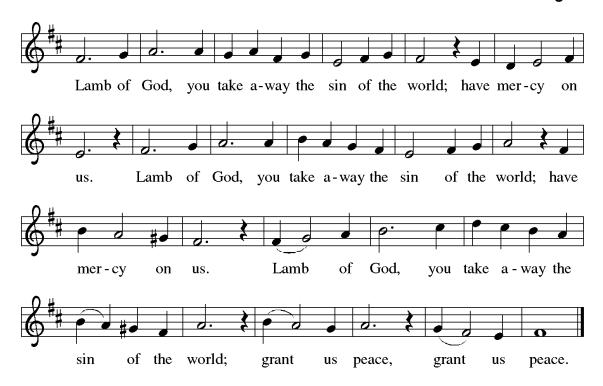
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

"Lamb of God" Setting 4





Communion Hymn

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"



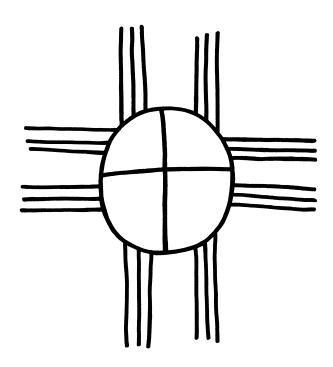
Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**



ELW #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



Announcements

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook **Deacon:** Christina Formeller

Lectors: Marne Turner & Jocelyn Lemish

Greeter: Jocelyn Lemish

Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Katherine Dalin, Benjamin Burney, Avery

Sujkowski

Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma

Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Marc Brunelle

Announcements

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals have resumed! Rehearsals are each Sunday morning at 9am in the sanctuary prior to the worship service. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Interested in learning more? Connect with Paul (sdnorthsider@gmail.com) or Marisa (mbuchheit@concordiafaith.org).

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'The Sound of Musicals' with Lakeshore Brass

Make plans to come to Concordia Church on Friday, September 20th for a fun concert by Lakeshore Brass. Concert begins at 7pm. This performance will feature all your favorite show tunes from your favorite musicals, including Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, and of course, the Sound of Music. It will be a fun event for sure! Tickets are \$40 per person and include two drink tickets. You can also purchase a season subscription to all three concerts (9/20, 11/1, and 3/28) and save 10%! Scan the QR code to get your tickets today!

To learn more about Lakeshore Brass, visit lakeshorebrass.com.





Sunday School

The Sunday School lesson today is focused on the Creation story in Genesis. After the children's message at the beginning of the service, children will accompany their teachers downstairs to the preschool room for their lesson. The lesson will include the story, a craft activity, and discussion. Sunday School is free and open to children ages 4-11 years. There are two different classes (upper and lower) based on children's ages. If you have questions about Sunday School, please connect with either Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) or Desirae (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org).

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Adult Study

Adult Study began again this morning. The group is being held both in-person and virtually each Sunday morning at 9am in the church office. Pastor Zook is leading the study, and the topic of these classes are focused on the topic of Prayer. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person. Please connect with Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) for the materials and any additional information.





Join Us for

For ages 3-11 years



Beginning Homecoming Sunday September 8th at 10am





Teacher-led, focused on a Bible story, including a lesson and activity

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Church Holidays

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve concert

April 20 - Easter Sunday concert

Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon!

Sept. 8 – Avery Sujkowski, baritone
Oct. 13 – Anita Graef, cello & Louise Chan, piano
Nov. 10 – Paul Dykstra & Dana Brown, pianos
Jan. 12 – David Nakozono, trumpet
Feb. 9 – Johan Homas, harp

March 11 - Andrew Marlin, bassoon

May 11 - Celebrate Concordia musicians!

Gala series

Dec. 13 - Lakeshore Brass & friends Christmas spectacular!

Feb. 15 - "Love Your Neighbor" St. Valentine's Day Gala Concert

Lakeshore Brass residency

Sept. 20 - The Sound of Musicals

Nov. 1 - Going West!

March 28 - Chicago

Bringing our neighbors together to experience God's love through inspiring music.



The Sound of Musicals

Music of the biggest stages on Broadway

9/20/2024 7:00pm

Going West!

Music inspired by the American West

11/1/2024 7:00pm

CHICAGO!

Music that has shaped Chicago's vibrant culture!

3/28/2025 7:00pm

Join us for our inaugural concert series as Lakeshore Brass beings its residency as Concordia Ministries Ensemble-in-Residence. Enjoy themed performances, complimentary refreshments, and just plain fun! The whole family is guaranteed to enjoy!

Order your tickets or subscriptions now and receive up to a 25% discount before September 1st using the code: EARLY



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Scan for more Information and Tickets





Join us as we celebrate 3 anniversary milestones at Concordia Place! This event will also include special music by Concordia musicians!

Save the Date!



Join us in celebrating lifelong dedication with a fireside chat and cocktail hour!

On October 19, we'll honor three remarkable milestones: Heather Gunter and Sarah Spraker's 20th employment anniversaries, and Kiki Collias's 40th anniversary.

This incredible achievement will be celebrated with community, food, and a fireside chat on the impact of early childhood professionals in our society. Join us for insights from our own Grace Araya and Mariana Souto-Manning, President of the Erikson Institute.

More details will be coming soon!

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Location: The Pavilion, Concordia Place (3300 N Whipple St Chicago, IL 60618)

For questions or sponsorship information, contact Katie Bernabei: kbernabei@concordiaplace.org 773.463.1600 ext. 4421

Important Dates to note:

- September 20th at 7:00pm: Lakeshore Brass concert "The Sound of Musicals"
- September 29th: St. Michael & All Angels Sunday
- October 6th: St. Francis & Blessing of Pets
- October 13th: 'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm with Anita Graef, cello and Louise Chan, piano
- October 19th 12-4pm: Monster Mash Bash for kids ages 4-11 years old
- October 19th 4-6pm: Concordia Place milestone anniversary celebration at Swartz Pavilion, 3300 N Whipple St.
- October 27th: Reformation Sunday
- November 1st: 'Going West!' Lakeshore Brass concert at 7pm

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Opening Hymn

ELW #595 "Jesus Loves Me!"

Setting 4

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Hymn of Praise

Gospel Acclamation Setting 4

Hymn of the Day

ELW #641 "All Are Welcome"

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Offertory Hymn

ELW #182 "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Sanctus Setting 4

Lamb of God Setting 4

Communion Hymn

ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"

Text: John Foley, sj, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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Closing Hymn

ELW #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

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