



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Welcome to Concordia Lutheran Church

Memorial Day Weekend
Armed Forces Sunday
May 28-29, 2011

WORSHIP INFORMATION

8:00 am

Service: Special Order of Worship

Hymns: "God of Our Fathers" # 501

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" # 500

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" # 347

"How Can I Thank You, Lord" # 385

"Christ, by Heavenly Hosts" # 499

10:30 am

Songs: "God of Our Fathers"

"Beautiful Savior, All My Days"

"Let the Flame Burn Brighter"

"We Remember You"

"Christ, by Heavenly Hosts"

INTROIT/PSALM 6

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,

C: **nor discipline me in your wrath.**

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am
languishing; heal me,

C: **O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**

P: My soul also is greatly troubled.

C: **But you, O LORD--how long?**

P: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
C: **save me for the sake of your steadfast
love.**

P: For in death there is no remembrance
of you;
C: **in Sheol who will give you praise?**

P: I am weary with my moaning; every
night I flood my bed with tears;
C: **I drench my couch with my weeping.**

P: My eye wastes away because of grief;
C: **it grows weak because of all my foes.**

P: Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
C: **for the LORD has heard the sound of
my weeping.**

P: The LORD has heard my plea;
C: **the LORD accepts my prayer.**

P: All my enemies shall be ashamed and
greatly troubled;
C: **they shall turn back and be put to
shame in a moment.**

**All: 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.**

Collect For the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lord, because You have promised to give what we ask in the name of Your only-begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all Your saints to offer You our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of

your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.'²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ

the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him

Sermon Notes

"How Long, O Lord!"

Text: Psalm 6:

1. _____... A Rare Commodity
2. _____ ... A Common Malady
3. _____ ... A gift found in Jesus

Please Remember in Prayer

- P: Heavenly Father, we cannot adequately express our gratitude for our military men and women whose selfless service and sacrifice continue to provide safety and security to our nation. We can, however, ask for Your divine protection as they face adversity in places of conflict.
- C: **Lord God, protect these men and women from all harm and danger. Guard their families from worry, fear and anxiety in times of separation.**

P: Eternal God, as veterans return to their homes, many bear physical, emotional and spiritual wounds and scars. We ask You for special care and healing for these, Your servants.

C: Loving and gracious Lord, You are the source of healing and strength. Mend the wounds of those who have been injured in body, mind or spirit. May they be sustained in the knowledge of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of sins through Your Son, our Savior.

P: Gracious Lord, grant wisdom, strength, and courage to our Chaplains as they serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. For our Veteran's Administration Hospital Chaplains, we ask You to grant patience and determination as they seek to care for the sick and injured. For our Bureau of Prisons Chaplains, we pray for resiliency and wisdom. For the Civil Air Patrol Chaplains, grant encouragement and insight.

C: O God, throughout our nation's history, we have relied on Your divine protection. The faces of those who have worn our nation's uniform have changed, but their mission, purpose, and sense of duty remain unchanged. Let Your changeless Gospel shine in the dark corners of our world that peace may prevail.

P: Great Physician of soul and body, watch over and grant healing to those with medical challenges: **Charles Bailey, Gene**

Bartelt, Ruby Campisi, Myron Guthrie, Ron Jensen II, Robert Knope, Jenna Martin, Fred Miessler, Irv Muenster, Dorothy O'Brien, Pat Picavet, Naomi Schewe, Evelyn Serdar and Bob Warren.

In Your mercy,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: Be the ever present guest in the homes of those who are shut-in: **Pat James, Evelyn Jungerberg, and Oliver Kankaala.**

In Your mercy,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: Increase the love and joy of serving You in the hearts and minds of all who are members of Concordia: **Nathan, Kelly, Colton & Alise Heinrich, Dorothy Helberg, and John, Cindy & Sasha Hildebrand.**

In Your mercy,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: In Your divine mercy You saw fit to take home the soul of **Dean Vargason**, who departed this life on Monday, and for whom services were held here at the Church on Friday. Comfort Faith and all the family members with the sure and certain hope of a joyful reunion in heaven. In Your mercy,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: This week has been marred with some of the most violent tornado's our nation has ever seen. For those who lost their possession, for those who were injured, and for those who lost loved ones to these storms, grant Your grace and

presence. Especially we seek Your blessing for Pastor Gregory Mech and the members of Immanuel, Joplin, Mo. Surround them with Your protection and peace. In Your mercy,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: Bless those who lead and those who serve as we work in Your kingdom.

C: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

As We Worship This Weekend

5:00 PM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Acolyte: Savana Schubert

8:00 AM

Organist: Elaine Grimes
Lector: Shirely Ling
Elder: Austin Burns
Communion: Mary Jo Shickles &
Sandra Hubbard
Usher Team: #2 Clark
Acolyte: Luke Anderson

10:30 AM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Lector: Shawn Campisi
Elder: Jim Campisi
Communion: Alan & Doreen Spiegler
Usher Team: #7 Massier
Acolyte: Ellie Gritzmacher

Next Weekend – June 4-5, 2011

See List posted in Narthex

Birthday and Anniversary

Birthdays

6/3 Grace Ling & Samantha Lee

Anniversaries

6/1 Jerry & Sandy Monson

6/4 Don & Tressie Nesemeier

Notes and Information

The Calendar – May 29-June 4, 2011

Today: 8:00 & 10:30 Worship
Mon: Memorial Day
Tues: Summer Camp Begins
Wed: 6:00 p.m. Prayer time
Thurs: 8:30 – 6p.m. Rummage Sale
 9:00 a.m. LWML Quilters
 7:00 p.m. Choir
Fri: 8:30-6 p.m. Rummage Sale
Sat.: 8:30-3 p.m. Rummage Sale
 9:30 a.m. LWML Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Worship

Statistically Speaking

Attendance: 25+56+81=162
Sunday School Attendance: 16+6=22
Tithes and Offerings: \$3,761.75
Sunday School Offering: \$17.85
Debt Fund: \$135

1. Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN announced on May 21, the election of the Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr., as its 17th President, succeeding Dr. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, who has retired. We wish the Lord's blessings on Dr. Rast as he starts his tenure.



2. **Relief Needed:** Immanuel Lutheran Church is the only LCMS congregation in Joplin, MO. The tornado which went through Joplin last Sunday leveled their school, destroyed the homes of four of the teachers, and took the roof off the parsonage in which Rev. Gregory Mech lives. If you wish to help with the disaster recovery efforts, you may contribute through Lutheran World Relief at www.lcms.org and then click on Disaster Relief; or Lutheran Church Charities at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org.
3. **Birthday Reception:** June 5th there will be a reception after 2nd service to honor Lorraine Scott's 90th birthday. There will be cake and other snacks and refreshments. Please join us. No gifts please, cards only.
4. **Assistance Needed:** It is so easy to step aside and let others lead. Right now there are a number of opportunities which exist to be more actively involved in the life of Concordia. They include: **Lectors** –

the Lector's read the first two lessons at the services. Anyone high school or above, who would like to be a Lector, please call the Church office and let us know. **Communion Assistants** – We try to have two people to assist with Communion at each Sunday service. We also use, when available, one assistant on Saturday evening. If interested, please talk to Pastor or call the church office. **Ushers** – the Ushers assist with worship, handing out bulletins, greeting all who arrive, collecting the offering, and cleaning up after the service. **Altar Guild** sets up Communion each week and cleans up after the service. They also are the ones who change the banners and assist in other ways to keep the Church looking good. Call the Church office to become involved.

5. **Elder Team:** The Constitution states that the Elder Team shall consist of nine men who are active and well respected in the congregation. As of mid-June we will be down to five men on the Team. If you would be interested in being an Elder, see Pastor Mumm or Walt Haight.
6. **Voter's Assembly Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Voter's Assembly is next **Sunday, June 5**, at 9:15 a.m. The Agenda is as follows: (1) Opening Prayer; (2) Financial Report; (3) Election of MLB Members for the coming year. Two positions are due to be elected this year. We have two candidates willing to serve, if you would like to be considered for a

position on the MLB, contact Jeff Kobernat or Pastor Mumm. (4) Motion to revise Bylaw I.A.1 – regarding the date of the Annual meeting. Currently the Bylaw reads that the meeting shall take place in May. This has proved quite problematic, especially since budget is to be presented at this meeting. The proposal is to change the date to October. (5) Comments on emerging from Bankruptcy. (6) Adjournment/Benediction.

7. **VBS:** Our VBS will be July 24-28. We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Doreen DeLacy @ 815.979.6311.
8. **Burger/Brat Day:** Our Burger/Brat Day will be Saturday, June 11th from 11-4. We need volunteers. In conjunction with the Burger/Brat Day, our school & preschool will hold an open house that same day from Noon-3. If you are interested in helping out, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office @ 815.633.4983.
9. **Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the Altar were given by Jerry & Sandy Monson in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.
10. **LWML Collection:** The Lutheran Womens Missionary League is gathering donations of items for the needy which will be taken to the convention being held June 23rd through the 26th. Your Gifts from the Heart will be given to agencies in the

Peoria area and to Orphan Grain Train. Our LWML ladies have chosen to ask for your help in donating the following items for men. Please place them in the collection box in the narthex. Men's Socks, Stick Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Toothbrush, and Bar Soap. Monetary donations would gladly be accepted. Thank you for your participation.

11. **LFL Quote:** “The Bible treats the preborn child as a living human being. When Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, came into the presence of Mary who was carrying Jesus in her womb, Elizabeth declared that ‘the babe leaped in my womb for joy’ (Luke 1:44). That doesn’t sound like a fetus or fertilized egg; that sounds like a child!” *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Worship Next Weekend

The readings for next weekend are: Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19; John 17:1-11. The Sermon will be based on the Gospel lesson for the day, and is entitled, “A Call to Fellowship.”



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Our Mission

“Serving Christ from Cradle to Crown”, faithfully communicating the saving Word of God, and providing excellence in ministry for the benefit of all people of all ages, is the mission of Concordia.

Holy Communion



It is the custom of Concordia to offer Holy Communion in most of our worship services. If you are a Baptized and Confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)

congregation you are welcome to partake. If you are not an LCMS member, we ask that you refrain from partaking until you have visited with our pastor. We believe what the Bible says about Communion to be correct and true, namely that we receive with the bread and wine the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the assurance of life eternal. We also believe that this sacrament should only be received by those who share in this Biblical belief.

Distribution of Communion

Distribution of the wine is by common or individual cup. The center cups of the individual tray contain grape juice for those who for medical reasons cannot have the wine. Those desiring a blessing from the pastor, but not communing, are asked please place 2 fingers over their lips to alert the servers of their desire.

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