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Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15 (ESV)

[1] Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

[2] And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

[3] And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

[4] When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

[5] Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

[6] And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

[7] Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

[8] and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians

and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Periz-zites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

[9] And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

[10] Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

[11] But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

[12] He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

[13] Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

[14] God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

[15] God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 (ESV)

[1] Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

[2] not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

[3] Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

[4] who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

[5] Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

[6] And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

[7] For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

[8] And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

[13] But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

[14] To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[15] So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

[17] comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 20:27-40 (ESV)

[27] There came to Him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,

[28] and they asked Him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

[29] Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children.

[30] And the second

[31] and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.
 [32] Afterward the woman also died.
 [33] In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."
 [34] And Jesus said to them, *"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,*
[35] but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,
[36] for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
[37] But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.
[38] Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."
 [39] Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well."
 [40] For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Our sick and recovering: Berniece Homuth, Craig Schaan,
& Alex Woroniecki;

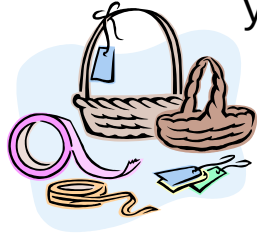
+ Richard & Aloha Simenson & family, upon the death of Richard's father.

Welcome to worship this morning. As the Church year nears its end, our worship begins to focus on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Christian faith and life, we are called to be watchful, eagerly awaiting our Lord's return. We wait, not with fear and dread, but with hope and joy, because the return of our Lord is Good News for us. When Christ comes, He will forever deliver us from all the threatening perils of sin. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School, the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters of the Red Sea and how God saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism. Exodus 13:17-15:21. Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. Talk about how God fights for us and saves us from sin, death, and the devil. Talk about Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.



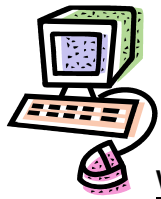
The LYF is selling Christian t-shirts as a fundraiser. A full-color brochure and order sheet are on the table in the social hall. Please make checks payable to Concordia LYF. Today is the last day to order!



LYF will be sponsoring a Gift Basket Silent Auction fundraiser again this year. We are asking all LYF families and anyone in the congregation interested in donating a gift basket, to have their basket at the Church by Sunday, November 18th to start the bidding. Late baskets will also be accepted. If you have any questions, please talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426. These baskets will make great gifts for Christmas.

The Higher Things Lock-in that was scheduled for November 16-17th at Messiah, Mandan, has been canceled.

“You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16). We give thanks to our most gracious Father in heaven for all blessings of body and soul with our Thanksgiving worship, Wednesday, November 21st, 7 PM.



Check it out: Pictures from the Trunk-or-Treat, the LYF trip to the recreation center in Dickinson, and other congregational information, including minutes from the November 1st council meeting, can be found at Concordia's website www.wrtc.com/lcms.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 178 Offering: \$3,268.00

As we live out our lives as God's stewards we are reminded that our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ love us and strengthen and encourage us for every good deed and word. What we do as God's stewards really does make a difference!

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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*Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.
We record both worship and Communion attendance.
Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.*