

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission statement: "We celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and sharing His Word and caring for God's creation."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us Pray:

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING: P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: #647 – *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*
 Tune: #823 Austria

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Worship is ended—The Service begins!*

*After the service, please join us for Coffee Time
 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024 9:30am Indoor/Outdoor
 Service of Word and Sacrament



Pastor: Mary Anne Kingsborough
 Pastor Emeritus: Thomas W. Rundell

OUTDOOR

•TUNE TO 105.5 FM in car or portable radio.

If using auxiliary, start your car engine often to avoid draining the battery.

•To make this a safe and enjoyable service for everyone, please follow the following guidelines:

The **bulletin and communion elements** will be available in the Communion Station as you park. Please leave elements sealed until the Words of Institution. When asked to consume them, please peel back the very top to consume the wafer, and then carefully pull back the covering over the juice. ***Parents should help children. You may dispose of the containers.

Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box.

INDOOR Offering—Passing of the plate

At both services:

Prayer Requests - Please tell an usher or place in the Prayer Box.

Donations for the **Food Bank** will also be accepted.

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*Welcome to Concordia Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

Columbia, Pennsylvania

Welcome, worshipers!

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the
way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: #605 - Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **C Amen.**

(Please be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION (Outside - Open Communion Elements)

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

[Inside-Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the usher. As you pass to the front, pick up a cup from the tray. Today we will receive the sacrament as you come before the altar to kneel. There will be an assisting minister on the side to serve the wine. Continue to the side aisle to return to your seat.]

COMMUNION HYMN: #592 - Just As I Am, without One Plea

When all have communed and returned to their seats, please stand as indicated by the pastor.)

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

#884 - Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us Pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 Him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us
as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.
When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out
for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

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. >>>>>

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us
from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that
arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

The Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-28

Word of God! Word of Life! **C Thanks Be To God!**

PSALM: Psalm 15

- ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their
friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.**
- ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

(Please stand for the Gospel Reading)



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The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Seventh Chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

This is the Gospel of our Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON (Forgiveness)

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

(Please stand after the Sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: #638 - Blessed Assurance

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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, He 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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes with: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Meal

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Musical Selection

OFFERTORY HYMN:

(Please stand as the gifts are brought forward)