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Sunday mornings:

9:30am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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

Visit concordiafaith.org to keep abreast of worship materials and upcoming events. Check out our 125th anniversary page for historical photos, archival information, and more!

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

The restroom is located downstairs.

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Dialog

A: This is the day the Lord has made.
C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Lord, I cry to you for help.
C: In the morning my prayer comes before you.

A: Give me the joy of your saving help again,
C: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

A: Let my mouth be full of your praise
C: and your glory all the day long.

A: Every day will I bless you,
C: and praise your name forever and ever.

A: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
C: O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

A: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

A: He redeems my life from the grave,
C: and crowns me with mercy and loving kindness.

A: Lord, hear my prayer,
C: and let my cry come before you.

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.**

Opening Hymn

W&P #98 "*Morning Has Broken*"



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

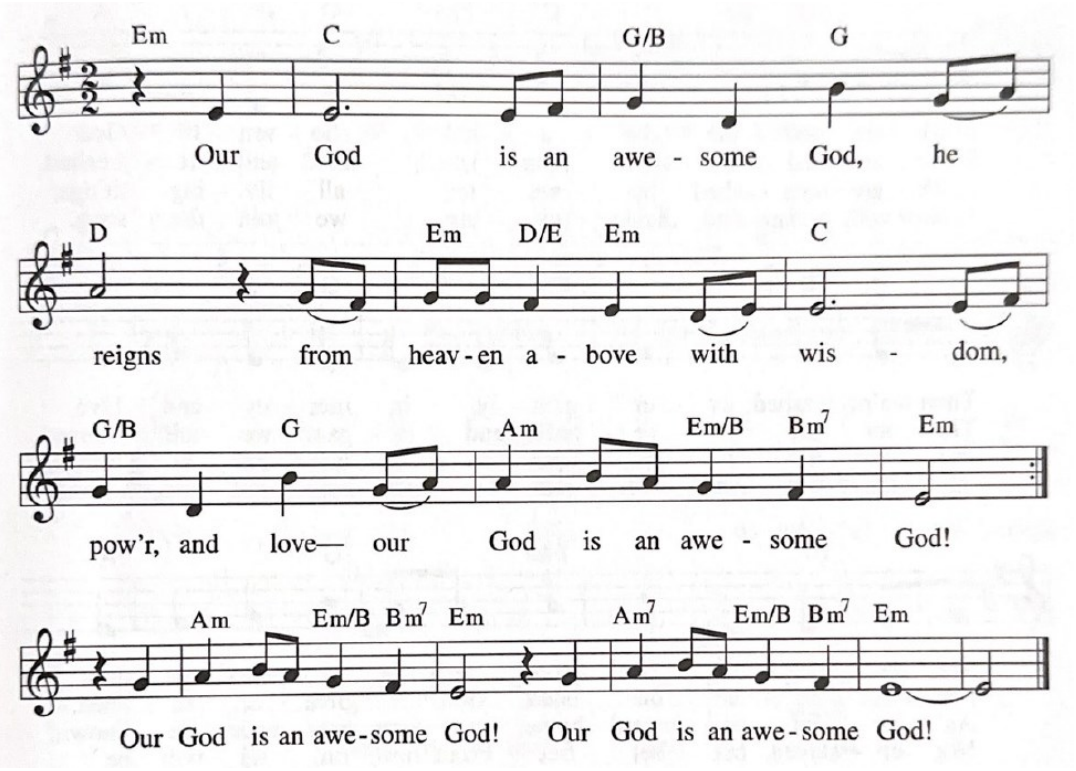
Prayer of the Day [printed in the back of the bulletin]

Old Testament Reading [printed in the back of the bulletin]

Anthem

Epistle Reading [printed in the back of the bulletin]

Gospel Acclamation **W&P #13 "*Awesome God*"**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

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P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat)

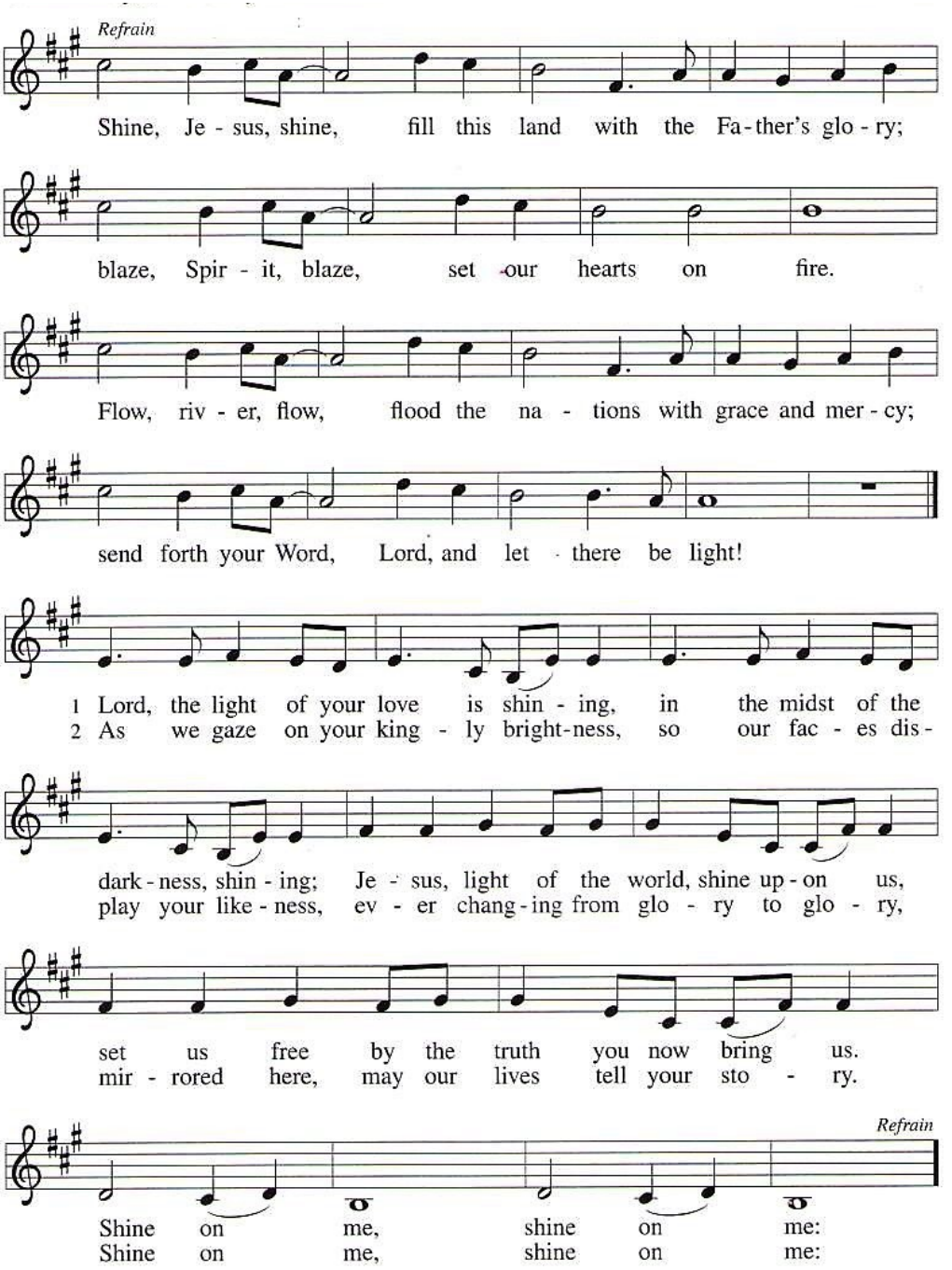
Sermon

Rev. Peg Otte



Hymn of the Day

W&P #123 "*Shine, Jesus, Shine!*"



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.

Prayer Petitions

A: Show us your mercy, O God,
C: and grant us your salvation.

A: Give us the joy of your saving help again,
C: and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

A: Give peace in all the world;
C: for only in you can we live in safety.

A: Keep the nations under your care,
C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

A: Let your way be known upon earth;
C: your saving health among all nations.

A: Let the needy not be forgotten,
C: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, hear our prayer for those who suffer, especially those we name before you …[*pause for additional names*) hear us O God؟
C: and let our cry come before you.

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

The Offering

See page 33 for ways to support our ministries.

Offertory Hymn W&P #58 "*Here is Bread*"



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
Merciful God, Creator of sun and rain,

C: We praise you for your wonderful creation. Receive these signs of our thanksgiving. May our lives reflect the goodness and love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

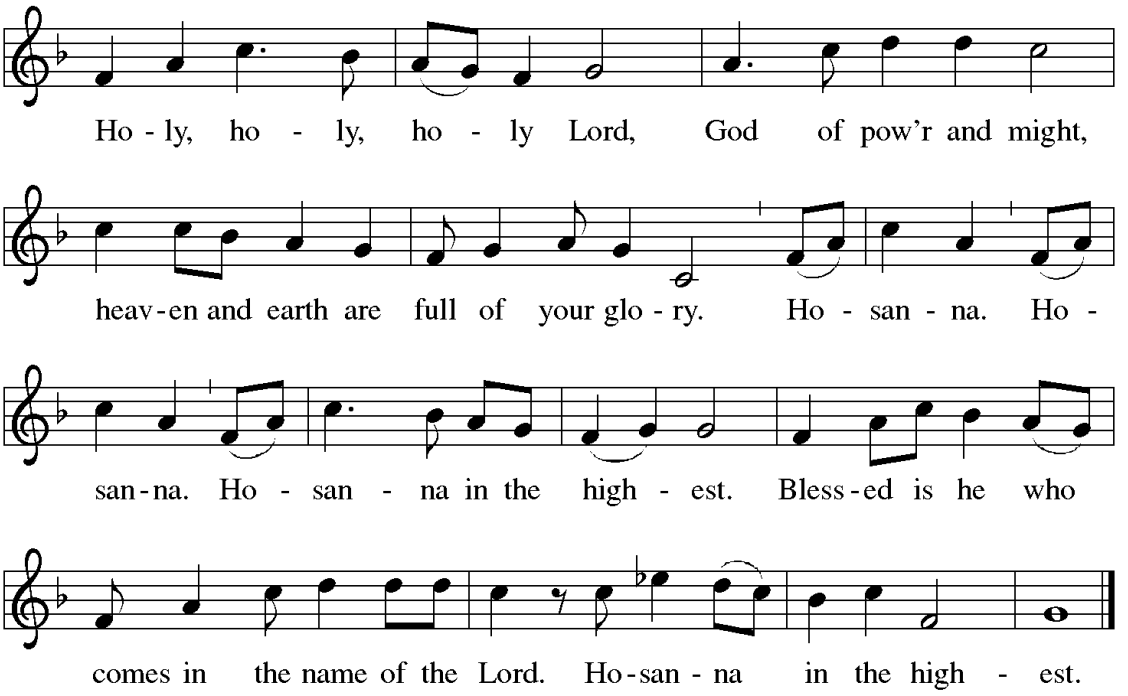
P: Life up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



Sanctus


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



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

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
For saving the earth from the waters of the flood,
for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
for the resurrection of Christ to eternal life,
for the promise of your kingdom to all who call upon your name.

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:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
who worship you day and night within your temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

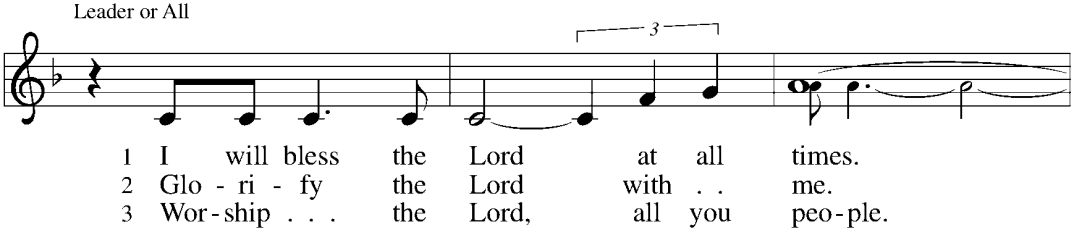
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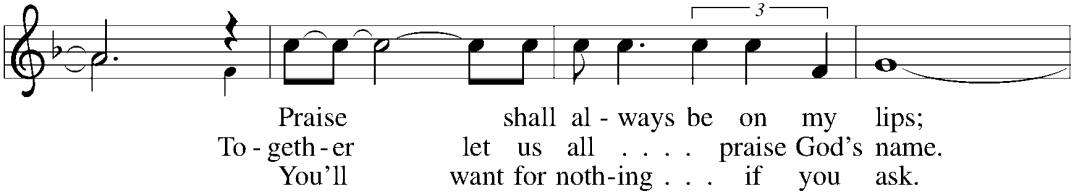
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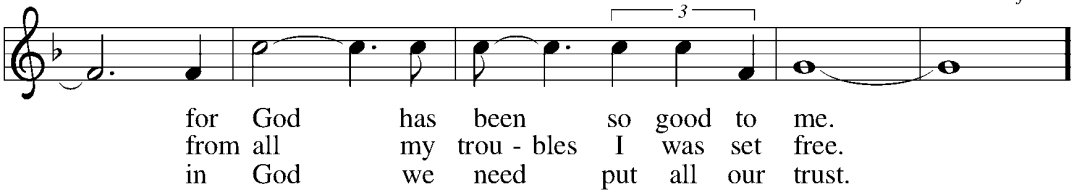
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Refrain



Post Communion Blessing

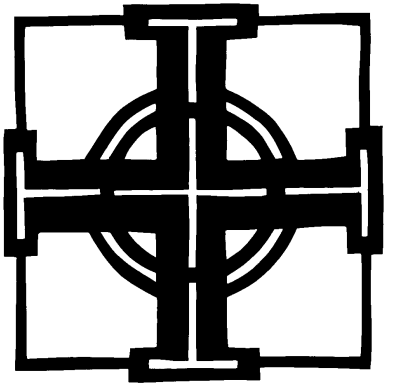
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: You have given yourself to us, Lord.
C: Now we give ourselves for others.

A: Your love has made us a new people;
C: as a people of love we will serve you with joy

A: Your glory has filled our hearts;
C: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.



Closing Hymn W&P #148 "*We Are Marching*"



Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing …
We are praying …
We are singing …

Announcements

Blessing

P: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness, with deeds of justice and mercy!
C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please return this bulletin at the end of the service

We welcome our children and their families to use our Family Space in the back of the church. The area in the back of the sanctuary is specially designed for children and families. In this space, you will find crafts, activities, and coloring pages, and books for children to enjoy during worship. Feel free to worship in this space during the service. Alternatively, there are clipboards with printed activities in Family Space that can be taken to the pews as another option.



July Prayers of the Day & Readings

July 2, 2023—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Jeremiah 28:5-9

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the
priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; 6 and the
prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the
words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the
vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word
that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets
who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and
pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who
prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be
known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 6:12-23

[12]Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. [13]No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. [14]For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
[15]What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16]Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17]But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, [18]and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. [19]I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

[20]When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21]So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. [22]But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. [23]For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] [40]"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. [41]Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; [42]and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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July 9, 2023—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Zechariah 9:9-12

[9]Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
[10]He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
[11]As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
[12]Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 7:15-25a

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the
very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.
17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know
that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right,
but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is
what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that
dwells within me.
21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at
hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my
members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the
law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will
rescue me from this body of death? 25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ
our Lord!
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 "To what will I compare this generation? It is
like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';
19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a
drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her
deeds."
25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because
you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have
revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All
things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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Gospel Reading continued...
[28]"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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July 16, 2023—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 55:10-13

[10]For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
[11]so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
[12]For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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Old Testament Reading continued…

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 8:1-11

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

[1]That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. [2]Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3]And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. [4]And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. [5]Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. [6]But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. [7]Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. [8]Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9]Let anyone with ears listen!"
[18]"Hear then the parable of the sower. [19]When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. [20]As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; [21]yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. [22]As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. [23]But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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July 23, 2023—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 44:6-8

[6]Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
[7]Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
[8]Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 8:12-25

[12]So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—[13]for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16]it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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[18]I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20]for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; [23]and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[24][Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;[25]but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27]And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28]He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29]But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30]Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

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Gospel Reading continued…

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."
[37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38]the field
is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are
the children of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the
harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are
collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41]The Son of
Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin
and all evildoers, [42]and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the
sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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July 30, 2023—9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

[5]At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,
"Ask what I should give you." [6]And Solomon said, "You have shown great and
steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in
faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you
have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit
on his throne today. [7]And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant
king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know
how to go out or come in.

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[8]And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. [9]Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" [10]It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. [11]God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, [12]I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 8:26-39

[26]The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. [27]And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
[28]We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. [29]For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. [30]And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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Epistle Reading continued…

[31]What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? [32]He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? [33]Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34]Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. [35]Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36]As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

[37]No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38]For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39]nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[31][Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;[32]it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

[33]He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

[44]"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. [45]"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; [46]on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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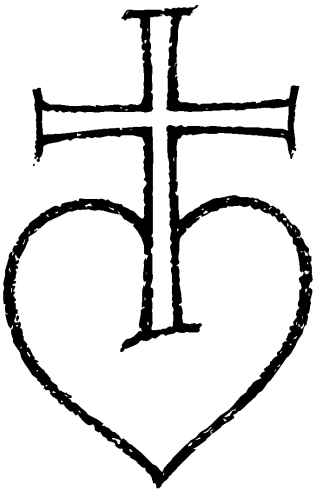
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47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and
caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and
put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the
age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and
throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.
51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them,
"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like
the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what
is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Announcements

Summer at Concordia Church

This summer, Pastor Zook is on sabbatical and returns September 9th. While he is away on rest, Rev. Peg Otte will lead worship each Sunday morning. Jennifer Phillips will be on call for any pastoral care needs and can be reached at either jphillips@concordiafaith.org or 773-463-1600 ex. 402. Should you have administrative needs or questions, reach out to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org or call the office at 773-281-1225.

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Gospel Acclamation — **W&P #13 "*Awesome God*"**

Hymn of the Day — **W&P #123 "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*!**

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Offertory Hymn — **W&P "*Here is Bread"***

Sanctus — **Setting 3**

Communion Hymn — **ELW #493 "*Taste and See*"**

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