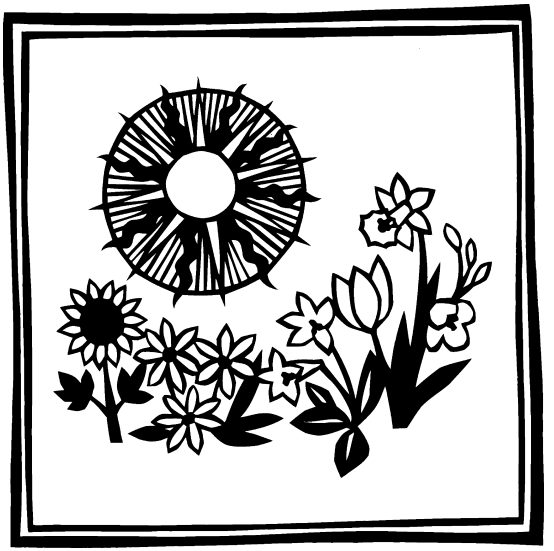
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# Season of Pentecost

## August 6–September 10, 2023

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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.

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

The restroom is located downstairs.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Dialog

A: O Lord, open my lips,
**C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

A: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,
**C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

A: Give glory to God, our light and our life.
**C: Oh, come let us worship him.**



## Opening Hymn

**W&P #147 "*We Are Called*"**



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 #6 "*Alleluia*"**



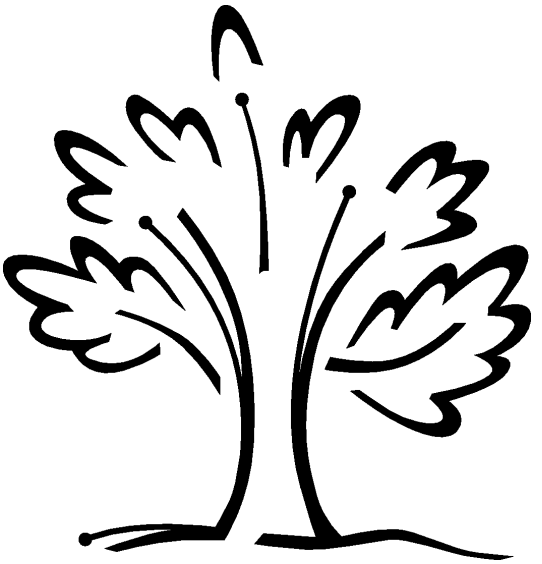
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading** [printed in the back of the bulletin]

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

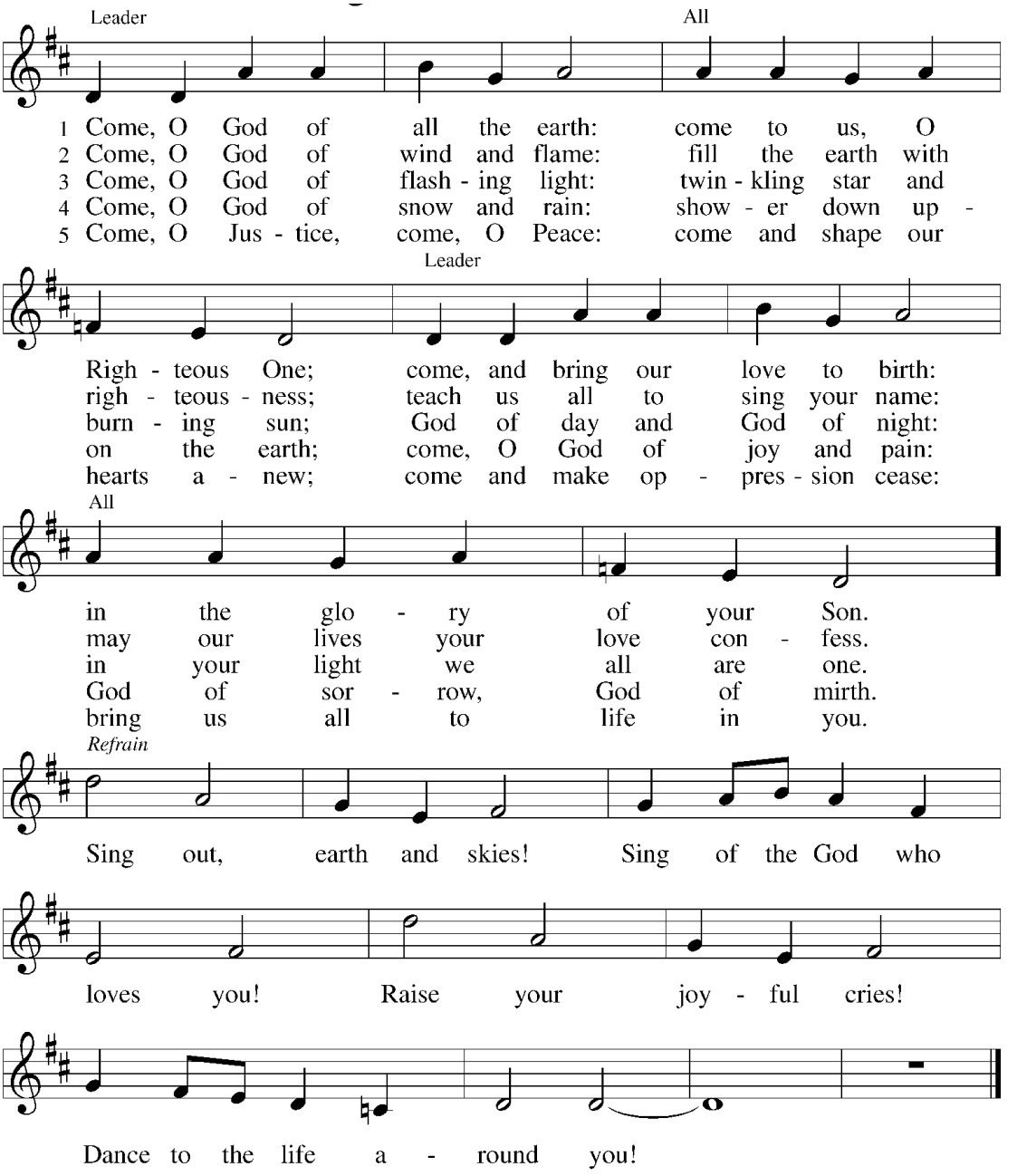
**Gospel Acclamation (Repeat)**

**Sermon** **Rev. Peg Otte**



## Hymn of the Day

## W&P #126 "*Sing Out, Earth and Skies*"



## 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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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A: For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For those who are sick and suffering, especially these we lift up for healing and name before you (*insert names*) and for those we name either silently or aloud (*pause for names*).....let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. *(Moment of silence).*

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through 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 32 for ways to support our ministries.*

## Offertory Hymn W&P #150 "*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*"



## 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

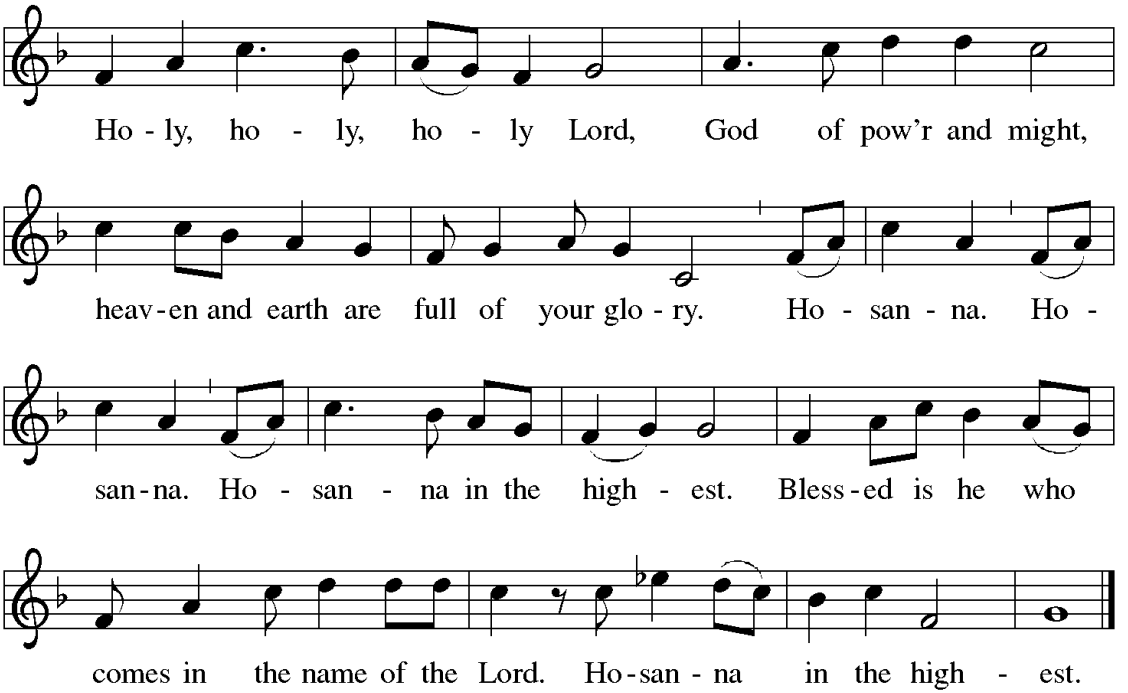
P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

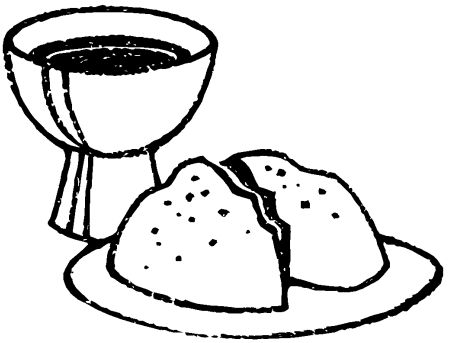
P: Life up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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.**

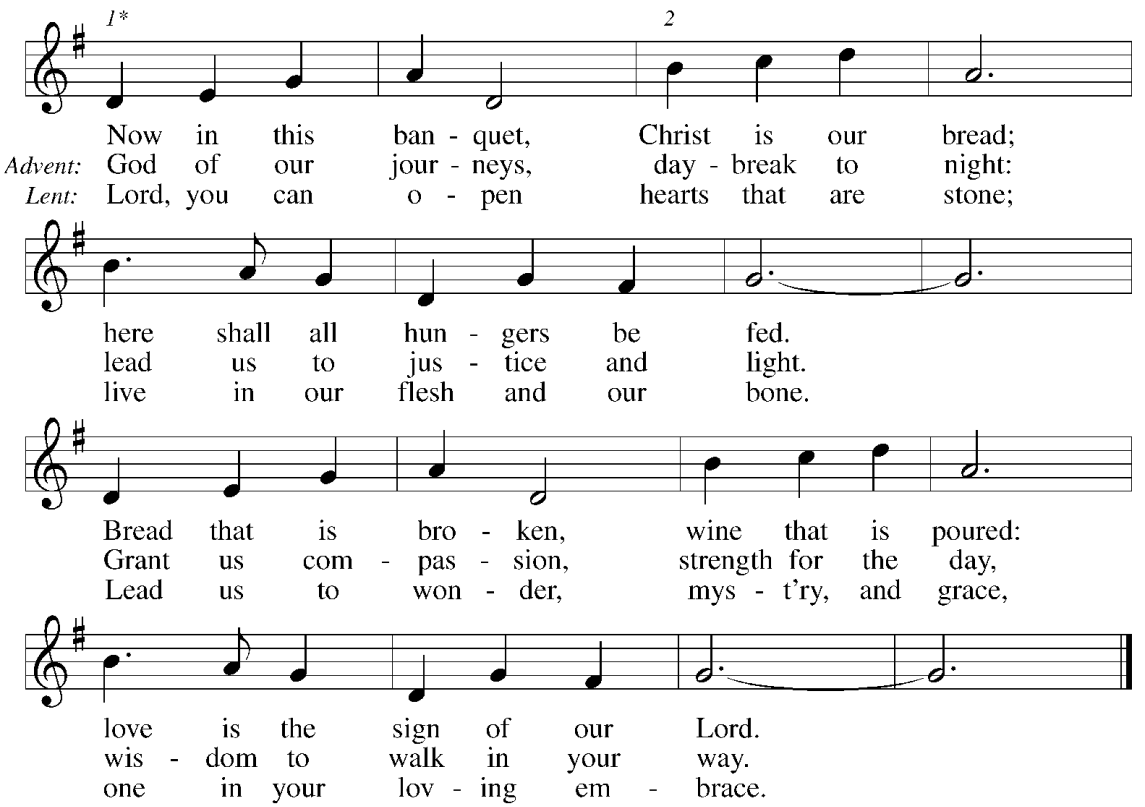
## Communion Invitation

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

## Communion Hymn

**W&P #104 "*Now in This Banquet*"**




## 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 #128 "*Soon and Very Soon*"



## 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

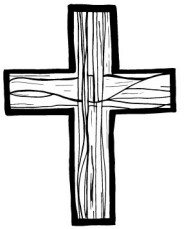
A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

***— Please return this bulletin at the end of the service —***

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*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.*



# August & September Prayers of the Day & Readings

## August 6, 2023—10th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 55:1-5

[1]Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
[3]Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
[4]See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
[5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 9:1-5

[1]I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by
the Holy Spirit—[2]I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. [3]For I
could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my
own people, my kindred according to the flesh. [4]They are Israelites, and to them
belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; [5]to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to
the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21

[13]Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew
from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard
it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14]When he went ashore, he saw a
great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. [15]When it
was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and
the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages
and buy food for themselves." [16]Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you
give them something to eat." [17]They replied, "We have nothing here but five
loaves and two fish." [18]And he said, "Bring them here to me." [19]Then he ordered
the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the
disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20]And all ate and were
filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets
full. [21]And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and
children.
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## August 13, 2023—11th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here,
Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and
killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life,
to take it away."
11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is
about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting
mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not
in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the
earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire;
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his
face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then
there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for
the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed
your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to
take it away." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the
wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over
Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you
shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.
17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever
escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand
in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not
kissed him."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 10:5-15

[5]Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." [6]But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7]"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8]But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [9]because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. [11]The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. [13]For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

[14]But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? [15]And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33

[22][Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.[23]And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24]but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. [25]And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. [26]But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. [27]But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

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[28]Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” [29]He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. [30]But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” [31]Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” [32]When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33]And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## August 20, 2023—12th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

[1]Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
[6]And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

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[7]these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
[8]Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] [1]I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. [2a]God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

[29]For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30]Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31]so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. [32]For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** **Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28**

[10[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:11it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” 12Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” 13He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” 15But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

21Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” 24He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## August 27, 2023—13th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 51:1-6

[1]Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
[2]Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
[3]For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
[4]Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
[5]I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

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## Old Testament Reading continued...

[6]Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

## Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, [5]so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6]We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7]ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8]the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## Gospel — Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some
say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter
answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and
on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against
it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on
earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was
the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## September 3, 2023—14th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading — Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

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## Old Testament Reading continued…

[16]Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
[17]I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
[18]Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
[19]Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
[20]And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
[21]I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 12:9-21

[9]Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; [10]love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11]Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12]Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16]Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17]Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18]If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19]Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20]No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel — Matthew 16:21-28

[21]From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22]And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23]But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." [24]Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [25]For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. [26]For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

[27]"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28]Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 33:7-11

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you
hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to
the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn
the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their
blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their
ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity,
but you will have saved your life.
10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our
transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them;
how then can we live?" 11 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no
pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways
and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house
of Israel?
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 13:8-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any
other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as
yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of
the law.

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## Epistle Reading continued…

[11]Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to
wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became
believers; [12]the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works
of darkness and put on the armor of light; [13]let us live honorably as in the day,
not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in
quarreling and jealousy. [14]Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [15]"If another member of the church sins against you,
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens
to you, you have regained that one. [16]But if you are not listened to, take one or
two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the
evidence of two or three witnesses. [17]If the member refuses to listen to them,
tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let
such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18]Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven. [19]Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. [20]For where
two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

# 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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**Sanctus** — **Setting 3**

**Communion Hymn** — **W&P #104 "*Now in This Banquet*"**

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