



Concordia Lutheran Church  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 12  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023



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**Prelude**

**Welcome to Concordia!**

**Pastor Ray Rohlfs**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Thy Strong Word"*

**Maroon Hymnal # 578**

**Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Confession**

**All:** God of Grace, we repent our sin and seek your mercy through your Son and our Savior. Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness; I am your sin. You took on yourself what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. Amen.

**Absolution**

**The Sharing of the Peace**

## Introit

## Psalm 119 selected verses

P: Make hast, O God, to deliver me!

C: **O Lord, make haste to help me!**

P: Let them be put to shame and confusion who week my life!

C: **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!**

P: Let them turn back because of their shame

C: **who say, " Aha, Aha!"**

P: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

C: **May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

P: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

C: **You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay**

**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.**

P: Make hast, O God, to deliver me!

C: **O Lord, make haste to help me!**

## Canticle of Praise

*"This is the Feast"*

**Maroon Hymnal pg 155**

## The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

**ALL: O Lord, we pray that the visitation of your grace may so cleanse our thoughts and minds that your Son Jesus , when he shall come, may find in us a fit dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading is taken from the fifth chapter of Amos:**

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5: 18-24

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading is from the fourth chapter of First Thessalonians:**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,

and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Triple Hallelujah

Red Hymnal pg 20

### The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25: 1-13

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

**Sermon Hymn**      *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*      **Red Hymnal # 609**

**Sermon** *"Heads Up"* **Matthew 25:13**

# The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Offering

**The Offertory** **Red Hymnal pg 22-23**

## Prayers of the Church

**The Order of Holy Communion** **Red Hymnal pg 24-28**

**Hymn**                      *"O Living Bread from Heaven"*                      **Red Hymnal # 316**

**Nunc Dimittis** **Red Hymnal pg 29**

**Thanksgiving** **Red Hymnal pg 30**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

**C: And His mercy endures forever.**  
**Post-Communion Collect**

**C: Amen**

**Salutation**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with your spirit.**

**The Benedicamus**

**P: Bless we the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

**Red Hymnal pg 31**

**Sunday's Closing Hymn**    *"There's a Quiet Understanding"*

There's a quiet understanding  
when we're gathered in the Spirit,  
It's a promise that he gives us,  
When we gather in his name.  
There's a love we feel in Jesus,  
There's a manna that he feeds us,  
It's a promise that he gives us  
When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together,  
sharing love and understanding,  
That our brothers and our sisters  
feel the oneness that he brings.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus  
for the way you love and feed us  
For the many ways you lead us,  
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

**Wednesday's Closing Hymn**    *"Stay With Us"*

**Maroon Hymnal # 879**

**Announcements**