

Concordia Lutheran Church

August 7, 2022 9:15 a.m.

Prelude

“Children of the Heavenly Father” Swedish Melody ~arranged by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Psalm 33:12-22

~Pastor will read the regular print verses; the congregation will read the bold print verses.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;**

from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

**he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

LSB Hymn 735 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

*Have no fear little flock
Have no fear little flock
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom
Have no fear little flock*

*Have good cheer little flock
Have good cheer little flock
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever
Have good cheer little flock*

*Praise the Lord high above
Praise the Lord high above
For He stoops down to heal you
Uplift and restore you
Praise the Lord high above*

*Thankful hearts raise to God
Thankful hearts raise to God
For He stays close beside you
In all things works with you
Thankful hearts raise to God*

Divine Service, Setting 1, pp. 151-155

Salutation & Collect of the Day, p. 156

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:1-16 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent

fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, p. 156

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-40 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Silver Hymnal 42 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia*

Sermon

Genesis 15 Your Reward Will Be Great

Apostles' Creed, p. 159

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament Page 160-164

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe, according to the Word and promise of Christ, that, in the Holy Communion, under the form of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of Christ and the blessings that Christ gained for us by His suffering and death on the Cross. We also believe that in the Holy Communion we celebrate and strengthen the oneness of those who believe that the crucified and risen Christ is our Lord and Savior. We invite those who share this faith to participate in the celebration of the Holy Communion with us.

The Benediction Page 166

LSB Hymn 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

*Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given*

*God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them*

*Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth*

*Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy*

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POSTLUDE

"Organ Concerto in G Major: Allegro" ~Bach/Vivaldi

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This Week at a Glance

Monday	8/ 8	7:00 p.m.	PPC meeting
Sunday	8/14	9:15 a.m.	Worship Service with Adult Bible Study & Sunday School to follow.

Next week's Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:16-29, Psalm 119:81-88, Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3, and Luke 12:49-56

