

Welcome! We want to welcome all of the worshippers who have come to worship our God and Savior as we rejoice in the offer of salvation that we have in Christ our Savior. We at Concordia are very glad that each of you is here with us this morning. Please come back and worship with us next week.

Visitors! We are especially glad that you are with us and pray that you will be lifted up by the service this morning. If there is any way we can minister to you this day, please speak to Pastor Hendrix, or an elder or usher.

Communion Policy: Visitors, we are indeed glad that you are with us this day and want to make your worship with us as meaningful as possible. However, one thing we do ask of you, since we in the LCMS practice “close communion” (an agreement in doctrine) that you speak to Pastor Hendrix, or an elder before you commune this morning.

Whoever you are and wherever you come from, you are welcome! May the presence of our Almighty God bless and comfort you, so that you leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Lord God, anybody who can't believe that Christ is in the bread [of Communion], in the grain of wheat, will believe the creation even less! That all of creation was made from nothing is a higher article of faith. Much less will he believe that God became man, and least of all that there are three

persons in one substance. Reason lets this be. Table Talk,
pg. 471– Martin Luther

This Week's Schedule

TODAY-9:30 AM Communion Worship Service

10:45 AM SS & BC

TUE - 7:15 PM Choir

SUN - 8:00 AM The Lutheran Hour, WHKW 1220 AM

Feb – 19 9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM SS & BC

Birthday Wishes to Chris Hendrix.

ATTENDANCE: Please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack. **Please use only one card per family.** Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher after the service. If you are visiting with us today, please include your address.

Pick up your *new* **Jan-Mar. Portals of Prayers**, and your **2017 Calendar** courtesy of Vodrazka Funeral Home.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are available for pickup on the information table under the main bulletin board.

The **weekly bulletin** can be viewed on our web site at **Concordialcms.biz**, under Concordia News.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. This year's Lenten theme will be **REPENT! Turn to Jesus.** 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, for it was on October 31, 1517 that Luther nailed his 95 theses on the front door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, thereby calling Christians to return to the Bible and abandon false thinking. The main theme of Luther's 95 theses was *repentance*, but what is the essence of repentance? Is repentance the act of "doing penance"—making satisfaction for sin? Or is repentance something else entirely? Repentance, Luther came to see, is God's gracious gift to us. Luther proclaimed the biblical truth that the believer's entire life is a life of repentance—a daily return to the saving waters of Baptism. Which means that repentance needs to be a regular part of all Christian's life, something we'll be considering during our Wednesday evening meditations this Lent.

[Praying, "Forgive us our sins"] should serve God's purpose of breaking our pride and keeping us humble. . . . Let no one think that as long as we live here he can reach such a position that he will not need such forgiveness. In short, if God does not forgive without ceasing, we are lost. (Large Catechism, pg 90-91) – Martin Luther

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God. —George Washington

"Jesus First in Everything!"

It's not words on a page, it's an attitude for life!

God at Work

In 1722, St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany, was searching for an organist/choir director. Composer Georg Philipp Telemann was offered the job. He accepted but soon decided he would remain in Hamburg. Another composer, Christoph Graupner, was then offered the job, but his powerful employer would not release him to take the position.

Finally, a man named Johann Sebastian Bach was chosen for the job.

Bach was extremely productive, often writing an anthem a week. He played the organ, directed the choir and taught music to students. He wrote monumental works such as St. Matthew's Passion, which is still sung by choirs today.

Bach composed more than 300 cantatas, dozens of chorales, preludes, organ compositions and other musical works. More than 250 years after his death, Bach's music still brings inspiration to many.

Bach died at 65, while still composing and serving the church. Bach's legendary service at St. Thomas Church reflects God's providential care at work in him and through him.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN WILL BE: A congregation where everyone knows and loves the Lord, understands what He has done for us in the

Gospel of Jesus Christ, and seeks to live a life that will glorify Him;

A congregation where everyone loves to worship and commune regularly, study God's Word, and build each other up in the faith;

A congregation where everyone is willing to use their lives and life's resources to serve their Savior;

A congregation where everyone is willing and able to witness to their Savior in their everyday life, inviting those they meet to find in Jesus the same peace which they themselves have found;

A congregation where everyone knows what it means to pray and where everyone regularly seeks the Holy Spirit's aid, protection and wisdom, helping the congregation to live and act as God intends it;

A congregation where everyone will lovingly welcome *anyone* regardless of race or class who seeks to know the God of Holy Scripture and to live as He directs us;

A congregation where everyone will seek to be a fruitful vine in the Lord's vineyard, bearing eternal fruit for Him.

*It shall be the purpose of Concordia Lutheran Church to **serve God** by the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments so that people may come to Christ, be strengthened and grow in their faiths, and thus, live lives of joyful purpose (mission) in service to God and one another.*