

Suggested Hymns for Concordia Sunday

Include recognition of the Concordias in the worship service. Remember the schools and church workers in hymns and prayers, including a litany for university education (see separate item).

■ **The Lutheran Hymnal**

- 485 Lord Jesus, Who art Come
- 486 O Thou Whose Feet have Climbed Life's Hill
- 488 Lord of the Harvest, Hear
- 489 Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray
- 496 Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying
- 502 Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening
- 641 One Thy Light, the Temple Filling

■ **Lutheran Worship**

- 154 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
- 164 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
- 260 Lord of the Living Harvest
- 261 Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray
- 318 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling
- 321 Spread the Reign of God the Lord
- 470 Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend
- 474 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

■ **Lutheran Book of Worship**

- 283 O God, Send Heralds
- 286 Bow Down Your Ear, Almighty Lord
- 381 Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling
- 403 Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

■ **Lutheran Service Book**

- 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
- 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 789 Praise and Thanksgiving
- 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling
- 854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go
- 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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The following prayers were written for the celebration of Concordia Sunday, but could be used at any time. You may download them from our website at <http://www.lcms.org/universities>. Click on “Resources” and “Worship Materials.”

GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL FATHER, who in wisdom created the world and all that lives, enlighten the hearts and minds of Your faithful people to continually call on You for divine guidance in all that is said and done in Your Name. Look with favor on those who teach and those who learn. Give both teachers and students patience to receive Your special gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as they live out their life’s journey. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your mercy and Your promise of life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HEAVENLY FATHER, Your good and gracious heart endures forever. We give You thanks for the blessings of Christian education throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, especially for our colleges and universities that prepare men and women for service to You in our communities. Give us courage to speak with our youth to encourage them to use their gifts in service to our church as pastors and teachers. Send Your mighty Spirit among us and stir up the hearts of our faithful people to serve You in their several callings. Continue to bless us with a faith that trusts Your promises, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen

ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, You commanded us to pray that You would send workers into Your harvest. Today we pray that You would continue to give us ministers of Your Word. Open our hearts to speak words of encouragement and give personal support to those who hear the calling to serve You in special ministries. Bless our Concordia colleges and universities as they provide higher education within a Christian context. Bless the teaching of Your Word and increase our examples of Christian living for all to see and imitate. Praise be to You, to Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit; one God, world without end. Amen

GRACIOUS FATHER, Your Son grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and all people. Bless and guide the children and youth of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and knowledge of Your Word. Fill them with a sense of a high calling to be about preparing themselves for service to You and Your people. Grant them the joy of salvation which You promise through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LORD, revitalize our hearts, create in us a thankful spirit and open our hands to generously share our bounty in support of our Concordia colleges and universities. Lead Your people to respond to the great need to teach what we believe and confess in Your Name so that multitudes may come to know You as the Lord of life. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your mercy and Your promise of life and salvation, now and forever, through Jesus Christ. Amen

GOD OF GRACE, fill the hearts of Your faithful people with the desire and passion to reach out to those who still do not call upon You in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Open the mind and hands of those who rejoice in the salvation won through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to generously support the teaching of Your Word at our Concordia colleges and universities. Give Your divine protection to faculties and

students as they grow in their faith-life relationship with You and each other. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your mercy and promise of life and salvation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

O GOD, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Look with favor on the Concordia colleges and universities so that they may be seedbeds for those who study and learn as they are nurtured and grow in their relationship with You. Encourage through Your Spirit both students and faculties to apply themselves with ready diligence to their tasks and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

O LORD, OUR GOD, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. Bless the teaching of Your Word in our schools and colleges and universities. Guard and protect our students from harm and danger in both body and soul. Stimulate among our people the desire and will to continue the ministry of education through their prayers and personal support. Keep us this day in Your gracious care, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

ALMIGHTY GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search for greater knowledge and understanding is in vain. Guide and invigorate the studying and teaching of Your Word at our schools and colleges and universities so that students may rightly discern Your will for their life’s journey. Pour out on us Your Holy Spirit so we may be faithful examples of Christian living to our youth. Keep us strong in the faith and bless our witness to Your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

GRACIOUS FATHER, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with You and all people. Bless, guide and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but to Your glory and for the welfare of their neighbor. Give Your holy angels charge over them to protect them from all harm and danger, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HEAVENLY FATHER, graciously bless the offering we bring to support Christian education among us, especially at our Concordia colleges and universities. May the gifts from our hands and the prayers of our hearts continue to sustain the teaching of the faith among us. Fulfill Your promise that what we ask in Your Name You will bless and multiply for the well-being of Your people. Encourage us all to be about Your business that Your Church may be edified through the teaching and learning of Your Holy Word. We boldly pray for Your blessings among us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen

LORD GOD, Your gracious presence attends Your people wherever they go. Be with our students at our Concordia colleges and universities as they transition from the care and protection of their parent’s home to a new community. Support them in times of challenges or loneliness, and surround them with caring counselors so that they may feel at peace with their campus experiences. May Your redeeming love remind them to call on You for strength and guidance as they fulfill the responsibilities of studying and learning. Let your peace fill their lives with joy and enthusiasm for growing in their faith and trust in You as the Lord of their life. This we ask in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.