



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

Announcements for May 17, 2026

Sunday (17)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am LAST Adult Bible Class Breakfast hosted by the Elders following worship service 5:00-8:00 pm Family Game Night LAST Youth Group – Flocking after clean -up
Monday (18)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary 4:30 pm LAST Irish Class until fall
Tuesday (19)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (20)	7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study
Sunday (24)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 57 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$1,913 YTD: (\$6,473)

REMINDER – Breakfast hosted by the elders this morning following service. Please join us for an egg, bacon & sausage breakfast. Everyone is welcome!

We are currently looking to raise \$15,000 to cover a couple items that were not in the budget for 2026. We had to install a new patio door in the rental as it was leaking water into the kitchen. We need to upgrade 1 of our mowers with a new smaller deck (for mowing the church area) and want to purchase a new mower with a larger deck for mowing the field. And we want to put metal siding on the garage as the wood is deteriorating. The patio door has been completed so we are replenishing the church funds. The other items will not be purchased until funds have been raised. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us move forward on these projects. Our replacement of damaged siding for the preschool area has been covered by the supplier and Mike Cutter from Cutter Construction. We will incur no costs to make these repairs. We are thankful to be blessed with their generosity. This work should be completed after the school years ends.

Mark your calendars! Family Game Night: Sunday, May 17—5-8pm Please come enjoy a fun filled night with friends and family! Popcorn, queso and chips will be available with candy bars for purchase. Entry: Free will donation.

You’re invited to Thrivent Night at the Ballpark for Special Olympics on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:35 p.m. Local Special Olympians will be recognized and celebrated before the Kernels game at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 950 Rockford Rd. SW, Cedar Rapids. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., so arrive early to show your support for the Special Olympians. Discounted club tickets may be purchased for \$9 at the Kernels Box Office or by calling them at **319-896-7560**. Mention “Thrivent” to receive the discount. You may also order tickets online at <https://bit.ly/47IF2OV>. Note: There is a \$2/ticket fee for *online* purchases. Please select seats from Sections 111 or 112. Questions? Call Mississippi Valley Associates at 319-366-2991. No products will be sold.

Building Healthy Families: Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can’t. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them “accidentally” overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Lord, Teach Us to Pray!

As We Gather

Christians are “faith alone” people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by faith alone, trusting in the God who supplies all our needs. We keep God’s commands by faith alone, confident that His ways are better than our ways. And we pray by faith alone, assured our loving God has opened His door and His heart to hear and answer us. It is faith, and faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the life to come.

BOB #52 Father Welcomes

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**1: Little children, come to me,
For my kingdom is of these,
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**2: In the water, in the Word,
In His promise be assured:
Those who were baptized and believe,
Shall be born again.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**3: Let us daily die to sin:
Let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

PREPARATION

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

John 3:16; 17:3

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
C that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P And this is eternal life,
C that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Confession and Absolution

P Holy and gracious Lord, the earth was made to be filled with Your glory. Despite Your love and care, we have not lived lives worthy of being called Your people.

Pause for silent reflection

P Forgive our sins and shortcomings. Overcome our inability and inaction. Replace our selfish and faithless nature with hearts that glorify You.

C **O Lord, be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

P Having accomplished the work given Him to do, Jesus Christ has paid for all of your sins, has risen for your justification, and has claimed His seat at the Father's right hand to intercede on your behalf. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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. Amen.**

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

#66 BOB Glorify Thy Name

- 1. Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

- 2. Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

- 3. Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth**

**Chorus: Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it”;

and

“Let another take his office.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

C Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#202 BOB Spirit Song

1. **O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove, will descend
Upon your life and make you whole.**

**Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

2. **O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter inter life in Jesus’ name.**

Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Sermon

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.**

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, Lord, have mercy.

Offering

#197 BOB Shout to the North

**1. Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**2. Rise up, women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our glorious King of love.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Bridge: We've been through fire,
We've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

3. **Rise up, church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.**

**Chorus: Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior of all,
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

John 3:16; 17:3

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
C that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P And this is eternal life,
C that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and
abide with you always.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#72 BOB Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1. **Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing,
You are My own.**

2. **Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story.
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

3. **Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you,
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

4. **I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, My children, I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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