



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023

# Announcements for May 21, 2023

Sunday (21)	Senior High School Recognition 8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class
Monday (22)	9:15 am Share & Care Preschool "Moving on Ceremony" 4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (23)	NO Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (24)	6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group Year End Celebration (last regular meeting for school year)
Saturday (27)	PM – Fellowship Hall – Parks
Sunday (28)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall – Kalena Park's graduation party

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 71   Planned Returning: \$2,727   Actual Return: \$911   YTD: \$(5,645)**

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

Many thanks and appreciation to everyone who donated to the tree removal project! Thanks to your great generosity, we have reached our goal!

**You've Been Flocked! Flamingo fundraising season is here! Please** help support the youth as they prepare to go to Puerto Rico for a mission trip in summer 2024, while having a little pink flamingo fun! Flocking insurance is available for a donation. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or contact Wes Aquice at 319-899-2856.

**SAY CHEESE!** The Board of Elders are working on an updated picture directory of our members and are asking for your help. Please stop by the main lobby after worship service any Sunday this summer to get your picture taken for the directory. The new directory will include your name and a photo and should only take a few minutes of your time. Thanks for your help with this project!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Elders Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship service. Pancakes, sausages, bacon, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a pastry or fruit to share. Sign - up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the narthex. A free will donation to go towards the tree removal fund.

**Attention Youth** – Come to our year end celebration on **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm**. Enjoy pizza and games (bring clothes that can get wet – depending on the weather). Bring a friend and sign up on the Youth bulletin board.

**Attention Youth – mark your calendars - Adventure Land Park – June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Each youth may bring one friend. Sign-up sheets are on the Youth bulletin board.

**Building Healthy Families:** Have you read up on your marriage manual lately? You may be thinking, "Wait...I never received an owner's manual when I got married!" God knew exactly the circumstances, trials, and joys you would experience as a married couple. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us that as a married couple is a team. *"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."* Each of the strands represents the husband, wife, and God. Draw closer to God, and you will draw closer to each other. **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Youth Can/Bottle Drive** – Youth group is having a can/bottle drive to raise funds for their mission trip to Puerto Rico next summer. Please save your recyclable cans/bottles and drop them off at the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> between 9:00-10:00 am.

**Share and Care Preschool's "Moving On" ceremony will be held on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary.**

You are invited to **Thrivent Night at the Ballpark for Special Olympics** on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:35 p.m. Area Special Olympians will be honored during pregame festivities at the Cedar Rapids Kernels game at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 950 Rockford Rd SW. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11.00 each, a \$4 per ticket discount! **Tickets may be purchased online by using the special link:** (Link active until Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Please select the special Thrivent sections **113 & 114** when ordering tickets online. If you prefer, you may also call the Kernels ticket office at (319) 896-7560. *Please mention that you are with THRIVENT when ordering by phone*)  
<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/BuyNew.asp?EventID=333494&promocode=thrivent>

You're Invited! Kalena Parks and her family would like to invite the congregation to help celebrate Kalena's high school graduation on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am -12:00 pm, Concordia Fellowship Hall. Please keep Kalena in your prayers as she goes off to college in the fall.

## Opening Song BOB 115 I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

**Verse 1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Chorus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**Verse 2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**

**Chorus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**Verse 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**Chorus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

## PREPARATION

### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

*Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 4:11–13a*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
  
- P** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- C** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.
  
- P** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.
- C** And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.
  
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the trials that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.

- P** Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!
- C** Alleluia! Amen.

## WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

- P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.
- C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God!
- C** It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- C** 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.
- P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.

### Song of Praise BOB 243 You are My All in All

Verse 1: You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my All in All.

Verse 2: Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.

Verse 3: Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.

Verse 4: When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my All in All.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Worthy is Your name.

### Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God of glory and Lord of love, You called the Twelve to follow You. When Judas fell, Matthias was called to take His place. In our time, You call pastors to shepherd Your flock. Guide all pastors, by Your Spirit, to walk according to Your will and Your ways; for You are our Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(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. <sup>19</sup>And 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.) <sup>20</sup>“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.’”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning 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.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And 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

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** He has put all things under His feet.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls

around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>To 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.

**C** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**P** Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:1–11*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When 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, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And 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.

## Sermon Song BOB 183 Peace Be Yours

Verse 1. Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you,  
As we gather now and your whole life through.  
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.  
May God's peace be yours.

Verse 2. Peace be yours as you scatter from here.  
Anywhere you go, God is always near,  
Loving and calming your deepest fear.  
May God's peace be yours.

Verse 3. Seek your strength where the Lord does abide.  
When the greatest evil is at your side.  
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.  
May God's peace be yours.

Verse 4. Always know He has conquered the one,  
Who defies your life in God's only Son.  
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.  
May God's peace be yours.

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

### Offering

#### Offering Song BOB 233 We Bow Down

Verse 1. You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.  
And Lord of all lords You will be!

Chorus. We bow down, and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.  
Lord of all lords You will be!

Verse 2. You are King of creation and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea.  
You were King of the heavens before there was time.  
And King of all kings You will be!

Chorus. We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
We bow down, and we crown You the King.  
King of all kings You will be!

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## 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

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Senior High School Recognition: Kalena Parks

*"I graduate from Prairie High School on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. I will also have a cord from my participation in Prairie's Key Club honoring the hours I spent volunteering around Cedar Rapids. My parents are hosting a graduation party at Concordia in the Fellowship Hall from 10-12 Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, please join us during this time. During the summer I plan to work which is to be determined. In the fall I will be attending the University of Central Oklahoma for Forensic Science."*

## Closing Song BOB 224 Trading My Sorrows

**Chorus.** I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame.  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain.  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

**Bridge:** Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen.

**Verse:** I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,  
Struck down, but not destroyed.  
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure,  
That His joy's gonna be my strength.  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

**Repeat Chorus**

**Repeat Bridge x2**

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