



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Announcements for April 21, 2024

Sunday (21)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (22)	4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (23)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (24)	5:30-6:30 pm LAST STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00-7:00 pm LAST Bells
Sunday (28)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 57 Planned Returning: \$2,806 Actual Returning: \$2,716 YTD: (\$441)

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

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser – Cans & Bottle Drive – please save your recyclable cans & bottles. Drop off at Concordia at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 1st.

Reminder – Youth attending the Mission Trip this summer will have a meeting on **Sunday, April 21st at 5:30 pm**. Youth Group will meet following the meeting at 6:30 pm.

The last STEPP Up and Confirmation for the year is on Wednesday, April 24th. Enjoy your summer break and see you in the fall!

Building Healthy Families: Your mom wants to stay in her own home and wants you to stop worrying about her. You want her to be happy, but you worry about her living alone as she ages. Sound familiar? A recent AARP survey found that staying at home as long as possible is a stated goal for 95% of people age 75 and older. Be creative and seek mutually agreeable solutions which make staying at home safe as long as possible; be brave and respectful and have conversations about options before a move is needed. Find helpful ideas and resources at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home> or invite a counselor from LFS out to speak to a group in your church or community about this important topic! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

THANK YOU for your Hy-Vee receipts! On Friday, April 12 Trinity School turned in three boxes with \$778,495.94 worth of receipts. Wow! The school will receive \$3,892.48 from Hy-Vee for our participation in the Cash for Students receipt program. KEEP SAVING your receipts dated April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025!

Ascension Day Service - You're invited to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord at Zion, Hiawatha on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. We will be having a Divine Service with Rev. Max Mons of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City (First Vice President) as a guest preacher. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Zion Lutheran Church welcomes Concordia ladies and girls to our Annual LWML Spring Tea on Saturday, April 27th from 9AM-10:30AM. Join us for brunch, short program, and fellowship. A great message and a great way to start your morning. 201 1st Ave, Hiawatha, Questions or RSVP call Sherri Olson 319-929-5440.

Trinity Home Missionary/LWML Tasking Luncheon – Meet us at the Country Fair! Friday, May 17th 11 am – 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. For tickets, call Di Koehn 319-8277, Mary Becket 319-360-9485, or Sandy Pook 319-899-3825. Bring a friend and we will see you at the fair! Trinity Lutheran Church 1363 1st Ave SW Cedar Rapids.

As We Gather

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

PREPARATION

Opening 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!**

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48

- P** Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”
- C** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

- P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.
- C** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

- P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
- C** **And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness. We begin our time of Confession and Absolution as we sing the hymn “Out of the Deep I Call.”

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been**

thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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 am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Song of Praise: BOB 36 "Come and See"

**Verse 1: Come and see the glory of the Lord
Come, behold the Lamb
Come and see the mercy of the King,
Bowing down before Him.**

**Verse 2: Come and give thanks unto the Lord
Come, behold the Lamb
Come and sing the praises of the King,
Bowing down before Him.**

**Chorus: For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served
Alleluia, Alleluia Lord**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Jubilate Bells “Siyahamba - I’m Going to Sing”

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 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

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 am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life

that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day: BOB 197 “Shout to the North”

**Verse 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 to all, Lord of heaven and earth**

**Verse 2: Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love**

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

**Bridge: We’ve been through fire, We’ve been through rain;
We’ve been refined by the power 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 to all, Lord of heaven and earth**

**Verse 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 to all
Lord of heaven and earth**

Coda: Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord of Heaven and Earth.

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)

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

Offering

Song during Offering: BOB 33 “Change My Heart Oh God”

**Chorus: Change my heart, oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God.
May I be like you.**

**Verse: You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Chorus: Change my heart, oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God.
May I be like you.**

Lord’s Prayer

**☐ 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

**☐ 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.
☐ Amen.**

Closing Song: BOB 151 “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

**Verse: Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life;
I’m so glad You came to save us.**

**Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross; my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the the
sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

Repeat Verse and Chorus