

Concordia Lutheran Church 4210 Johnson Ave NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

Announcements for May 14, 2023

Sunday (14) Happy Mother's Day

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream

10:00 am Adult Bible Class

Monday (15) 4:30 pm Irish Class

6:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday (16) 9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga

Wednesday (17) 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group

Sunday (21) 8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream (HS Senior Recognition)

10:00 am Adult Bible Class (last for the school year)

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

We are taking a free will offering to be used to remove a large, damaged tree at Concordia's rental property. The estimate we received for this project is \$3000. Any donation you could give would be much appreciated. Thank you!

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!

Building Healthy Families: God gave women a special gift--the ability to carry new life within their own bodies. Psalm 139:13 says, "You knitted me together in my mother's womb." It is good that we have a day set aside specifically in honor of motherhood. In a world where human life in the womb is at risk of being aborted, we can encourage girls and young women, sharing with them the immense joy and honor of being a mother. To all our moms and grandmoms...thanks for who you are and all you do. Happy Mother's Day! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

<u>Trinity Lutheran School is hiring for 2023-2024</u> TLS strives to be a great academic option and a safe, loving environment. We are able to achieve our high standards because of our wonderful staff. We are looking to add more teachers/aides to the TLS Family.

- State licensed, Lower Elementary teacher (K-2). Prefer Lutheran trained and a member of a Lutheran Church.
- Aides: Lower (K-2) and Upper (3-5) Elementary. Prefer education degrees/experience and a member of a Lutheran Church.

Contact, Mark Mueller, muellerm@trintiycr.org or 319-362-6952 x1228 if interested. We appreciate recommendations from our Lutheran Churches!

Please join us at Trinity Lutheran Church for our annual Home Missionary/LWML Tasting Luncheon on Friday, May 19, 11:00-12:30. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$14.00 at the door. Call the Trinity church office, 319-366-1569, to reserve your tickets or contact Mary Becker, 319-360-9485 or Di Koehn, 319-310-8277. Call your friends and bring a group for our "God Bless America" event. Hope to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Elders Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, June 11th 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 24th 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 23rd - sign up early (by May 19th so Wes knows how many discount tickets to buy.) Each youth may bring one friend. Sign-up sheets are on the Youth bulletin board.

Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise:

"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven.

Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful

Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,

Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,

Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered,

Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim

In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood."
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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day, **for all things are your servants.**

If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have given me life.

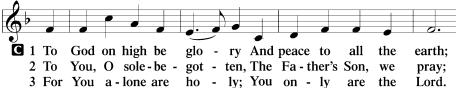
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



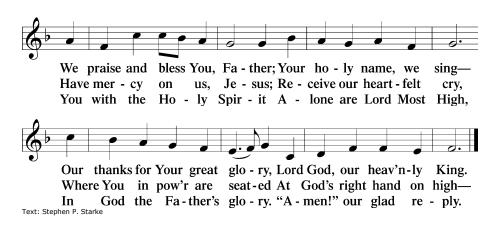


Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

"In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- **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 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 14:15–21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God.

the Father Almighty. maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ.

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God.

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

728 How Firm a Foundation

- How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love: And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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Stand

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

703 How Can I Thank You, Lord

- How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving-kindness, That You have patiently Borne with me in my blindness! When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay, I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.
- It is Your work alone That I am now converted; O'er Satan's work in me You have Your pow'r asserted. Your mercy and Your grace That rise afresh each morn Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.
- 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exultation And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation. My sins are washed away; For this I thank You, Lord. Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.
- Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven. Grant that He give me strength In my infirmity: May He renew my heart To serve You willingly.
- Δ 5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication; O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration; O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide That I may serve You here And there with You abide.

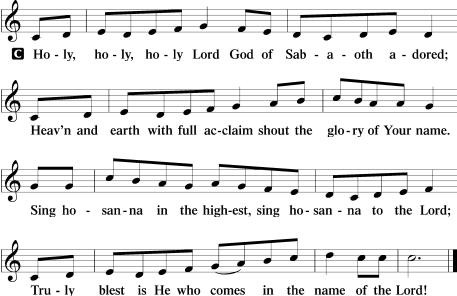
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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus LSB 208



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Text: Stephen P. Starke

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

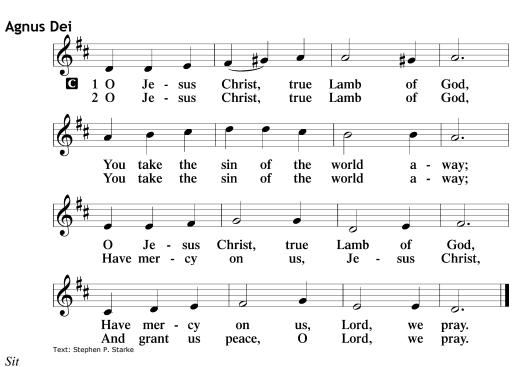
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

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684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

- "Come unto Me, ye weary,
 And I will give you rest."
 O blessèd voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to hearts oppressed!
 It tells of benediction,
 Of pardon, grace, and peace,
 Of joy that hath no ending,
 Of love that cannot cease.
- "Come unto Me, ye wand'rers,
 And I will give you light."
 O loving voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to cheer the night!
 Our hearts were filled with sadness,
 And we had lost our way;
 But Thou hast brought us gladness
 And songs at break of day.
- 3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,
 And I will give you life."
 O cheering voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to aid our strife!
 The foe is stern and eager,
 The fight is fierce and long;
 But Thou hast made us mighty
 And stronger than the strong.
- 4 "And whosoever cometh,
 I will not cast him out."
 O patient love of Jesus,
 Which drives away our doubt,
 Which, though we be unworthy
 Of love so great and free,
 Invites us very sinners
 To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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566 By Grace I'm Saved

- By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
 My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise?
 Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 No! Then this word must true remain:
 By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
 Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer,
 Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
 His death did for our sins atone,
 And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
 Came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of your own merit
 That Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone,
 That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

- By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands, Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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527 O Savior, Precious Savior

- O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, All other names above, We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing: We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
- 2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought, We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
- In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine; The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine. We worship Thee, we bless Thee. To Thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
- O grant the consummation Of this our song above In endless adoration And everlasting love: Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring, And evermore confess Thee,

Our Savior and our King!

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

664 Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear; Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

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