



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024

# Announcements for March 3, 2024

Sunday (3)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (4)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (7)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (8)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00-6:45 pm Bells 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday (10)	<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream <b>Easter Lily Orders Due</b> 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance:71 Planned Returning: \$2,806 Actual Returning: \$1,215 YTD: \$5,170**

***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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please join us for Easter breakfast** hosted by the Youth Group following the worship service on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet for attendance, breakfast ingredients donations, and pastries. If you can help with any of these things, it would be greatly appreciated. **Thanks for your support!**

**Reminder – Midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during Lent. Please join us for the Lenten series “Be Gracious to Me”**

**EASTER LILIES - We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. Lilies are \$10 each and forms are on the Welcome Desk. Orders & payments are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center invites you to join us for a **Night with Bridgehaven, featuring Mark Schultz** at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at Radiant Church. This benefit concert will feature the story and songs of Christian recording artist, Mark Schultz. Find out more or register at [www.bridgehavencr.org/get-involved/events](http://www.bridgehavencr.org/get-involved/events).

**GriefShare – Coming Monday, March 11** – If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent, or friend, or are struggling from an unresolved grief, I invite you to consider attending GriefShare sessions starting on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 am at King of Kings Lutheran Church in the Fireside Room. This support group uses the worldwide Christian based curriculum that consist of 11 weekly lessons that meet for around 2 hours. Each week we watch a 40-minute video with the presenters being pastors, counselor, psychologist, and lay people that have experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent or friend or an unresolved death. The presenters give advice on how they dealt with grief and how to manage your life and feelings after your loss. GriefShare is a Bible based support group that gives emotional and spiritual guidance as you walk through your life ahead without your loved one(s). Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death of a loved one. Plan to attend this helpful support group of GriefShare, invite a friend or neighbor that is struggling. Contact Darlene Wood at 319-270-126 [darlenewood42@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewood42@gmail.com) or Peggy Liske at 319-350-2550 [peggyliske@gmail.com](mailto:peggyliske@gmail.com)

**Building Healthy Families:** “Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been,” wrote Mark Twain. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we know our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We are valuable – even as the number of our limitations (and wrinkles) increase with each passing year- because Jesus says we are. He demonstrated our value by giving His life as a ransom for ours. Does that make us valuable? You bet! Which older members of your church family would welcome a visit, telephone call or card from you this week? Let them know they’re not forgotten and how valuable they (still) are! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

### 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

Deliver me from sinking in the mire;  
**let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,  
**or the pit close its mouth over me.**

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
**according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**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.**

For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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*

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
The founder and perfecter of our faith.

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 2:13–22*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised

from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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.

*Sit*

### 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

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### Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Offertory



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

## Offering

### 730 What Is the World to Me

- 1 What is the world to me  
 With all its vaunted pleasure  
 When You, and You alone,  
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
 You only, dearest Lord,  
 My soul's delight shall be;  
 You are my peace, my rest.  
 What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised  
 And honored by the mighty  
 Yet never once reflects  
 That they are frail and flighty.  
 But what I truly prize  
 Above all things is He,  
 My Jesus, He alone.  
 What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth  
 And all that mammon offers  
 Yet never is content  
 Though gold should fill its coffers.  
 I have a higher good,  
 Content with it I'll be:  
 My Jesus is my wealth.  
 What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!  
 My Jesus is my treasure,  
 My life, my health, my wealth,  
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
 My joy, my crown, my all,  
 My bliss eternally.  
 Once more, then, I declare:  
 What is the world to me!

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Stand

## Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

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

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

*Sit*

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.

2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

△ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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