

Concordia Lutheran Church 4210 Johnson Ave NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Announcements for April 27, 2025

Sunday (27) 8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream

NO Adult Bible Class

Voters' Meeting following service

6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group

Monday (28) 4:30 pm Irish Class

Tuesday (29) 9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga

Wednesday (30) 5:30-6:30 pm LAST STEPP Up & Confirmation

6:00 pm Bells & Balcony Cleaning Party

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday (3) 9:00 am Youth Can/Bottle Drive Drop Off – Fellowship Hall

Sunday (4) 8:30 am Worship & Live Stream

10:00 am Adult Bible Class

7:00-9:30 pm Youth Group- NEW TIMES

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: 105 Planned Returning: \$4,214 Actual Returning: \$3,063 YTD: (\$1,788)

Reminder - there is a Voters' meeting this morning following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend if possible.

REMINIDER - Youth can/bottle drive drop off is this Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Join Swedesburg Lutheran Church for a FREE concert on Sunday, May 4th, 3:00 pm celebrating Star Wars Day with a celebration of organ music from the big screen. Jacob Sprengeler will perform well known organ works made famous by the film industry, along with a sampling of other film favorites including some original pieces scored for the pipe organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Fund. Swedesburg Lutheran 1897 140th Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.

Flamingo insurance - It is that time of year when some pink birds make their way back to lowa. If you would like some insurance to keep the flamingos away, you can use the purchase form on the youth table in the Narthex. All proceeds will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Please purchase insurance by **TODAY, April 27th.**

HELP NEEDED! We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help with counting the offerings after services on Sundays. It usually takes about an hour, and you will be trained in the procedure. Please let Judy Oehlerich or the church office know if you would be able and willing to help with this important service. Thank you!

Mark your calendars – Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, May 18th hosted by the elders. Please join us after service for a delicious breakfast & good fellowship! Everyone is welcome!

Reminder – youth group will be going to an Escape Room on Sunday, May 18th. The cost is \$10 and you can sign up on the youth board.

Building Healthy Families: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! The joy of Jesus' resurrection day isn't limited to one day or church service! The season of Easter is 50 days long, though one could argue that this most wonderful celebration continues to be marked throughout the year. In the next several weeks of Eastertide, consider celebrating resurrection and new life by picking up fresh flowers or a small potted plant to share with a neighbor or homebound church member, enjoy time outside as God's creation buds and blossoms, and keep up the traditional greeting of "He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" **Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

My Lord and My God

As We Gather

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

Opening Song: Shout to the North (BOB 197)

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.

PREPARATION

Invocation

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 105:4, 8

- **P** Seek the LORD and His strength;
- **C** seek His presence continually!
- **P** He remembers His covenant forever.
- **C** the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.
- P Bidden by the Lord and confident of His steadfast love and mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- P Merciful Lord, almighty Father,
- we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.
- P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand 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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Song of Praise: My Life is In You, Lord (BOB 165)

Refrain: My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord,

in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord

In You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord,

in You, it's in You.

Verse: I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength;

With all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

Refrain: My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord

In You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord,

in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord

In You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord,

in You, it's in You.

In You.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Jubilate Bells: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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 Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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

Verse Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

- P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.
- P Blessed are those who have not seen
- **C** and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Song of the Day: Rescuer (not in BOB)

Chorus: He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds.

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

Verse 1: There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed.

There is good news for the one who walked away.

There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed.

For the good Lord has come to seek and save.

Chorus: He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds.

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

Verse 2: He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.

Oh, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Yes the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Chorus: He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds.

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

Bridge: So come and be chainless.

Come and be fearless.

Come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption, for every affliction.

Here at the foot of Calvary.

So come and be chainless.

Come and be fearless.

Come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption, for every affliction.

Here at the foot of Calvary.

Final Chorus: He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds.

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer!

Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer,

Offering

Offering: Give Thanks (BOB 65)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

Give thanks.



Stand

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 saying:

Sanctus LSB 208



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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.

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.

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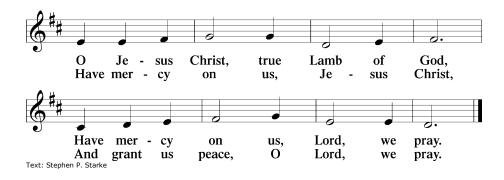
C Amen.



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Sit

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.

Distribution Songs

Seek Ye First (not in BOB)

Verse1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And its righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Allelujah!

Verse 2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Allelujah!

Verse 3. We do not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Allelu, Allelujah!

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

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

- **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.
- C Amen.

Sending: In Christ Alone (Not in BOB)

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ, I live.
- 3. There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth, in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power.

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