



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023

Announcements for May 7, 2023

Sunday (7)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class
Monday (8)	4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (9)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Church Council
Wednesday (10)	6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group
Sunday (14)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 44

Planned Returning: \$2,727

Actual Return: \$1,011

YTD: -(\$3,783)

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

The Cedar Rapids Zone of the LWML is in desperate need of volunteers to help with our Christian Life committee!! If you love having the latest scoop on new devotionals and sharing God's Word with your Sisters in Christ, this is the job for you! Contact Hannah Raebel at hmrabel@gmail.com for more information about tasks and the low time commitment.

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: Sum, sum, summertime – it's coming! What's your plan for summer free time for you and your family? Wait - what, no plan?? Without a plan, we're more likely to migrate to our favorite individual activities or spot in front of the television or computer screen. Consider engaging your family this week to make a "summer bucket list", brainstorming a list of interesting things to do, perhaps with a set of parameters, like "it can't include screen time and it must be within a 2-hour drive of our home." Make up your own rules and let the brainstorming ideas begin! Be sure to add a Bible story or Scripture reading plan for the summer to your list. Reading the Bible with mom and dad instead of endless days of playing computer games alone or with friends – what great memories you will be making for your children, what an impact you will have on their life! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.

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.

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.

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912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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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

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict’ry unto vict’ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 Stand in His strength alone.
 The arm of flesh will fail you,
 Ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the Gospel armor;
 Each piece put on with prayer.
 Where duty calls or danger,
 Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The strife will not be long;
 This day the din of battle,
 The next the victor's song.
 The soldiers, overcoming,
 Their crown of life shall see
 And with the King of Glory
 Shall reign eternally.

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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

LSB 192



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

706 Love In Christ is Strong and Living

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
 Binding faithful hearts in one;
 Love in Christ is true and giving.
 May His will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
 Clothed in Christ's humility,
 Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
 Reaching out in charity.

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- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.**

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Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.**

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.

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.**

- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 **Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.**
- 5 **Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.**

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