



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Announcements for April 19, 2026

Sunday (19)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream Voters' Meeting following service 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (20)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Troop 214
Tuesday (21)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (22)	5:30-6:30 pm LAST STEPP Up & Confirmation Class for the year 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Sunday (26)	High School Senior Recognition 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00 -8:00 pm Youth Group

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: 46 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$1,310 YTD: (\$1,826)

REMINDER – Voters' Meeting this morning following worship service. Voters' packets are available on the Welcome Desk. All members are invited to attend if possible.

Attention Women – The Women's Bible Study has started up again. We will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall until Advent begins. We will be studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to join us!

FLAMINGOS HAVE ARRIVED! If you would like protection from these pink birds, please fill out a bird - insurance form. Orders are due April 26th. Forms are available on the Welcome Desk. **Thank you for your support of the Youth Group!**

The youth are selling T-Shirts for the Mission trip. If you would like to order one, please have orders in by April 26th. Please share with anyone you think might like the shirt. The youth and I thank you for all the support you have given us! - Wes
https://www.bonfire.com/store/peru-mission-trip-1/?utm_source=copy_link&utm_medium=store_page_published_share&utm_campaign=peru-mission-trip-1&utm_content=default



Singles: You are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their **April** church singles event. **Sunday, April 26:** Please join us for pizza and board games at 12:00pm at Zion Lutheran. Bring \$7 for the pizza and your favorite board or card game. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. RSVP helps to provide notification in case of cancellation of the event.

Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next paycheck. Here's an important message: Don't ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say "Yes" when someone calls for help who doesn't have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. LFS accepts most major insurances and offers a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Pregnancy counseling is always provided with no fee. Don't hesitate to call. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Experience the Vision for a Lutheran High School - SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church | Atkins, IA. *Open to the public*- The CLHS Board of Directors would like to invite you to a presentation on the progress that has been made towards the realization of a Lutheran high school that will serve the communities of Benton and Linn counties. We are excited to share more information about this opportunity, and we hope you will join us! Questions: info@christlutheranhigh.org

Easter Light—Gladsome Light

As We Gather

Whether we will admit it or not, many of us are logophiles, which means that we love words. All of us have far more words in our vocabularies than we use in our daily conversation. We know what the words mean but for some reason we do not say them much. Words come into and go out of fashion and usage. One of those words that are not used much anymore is *gladsome*. It appears in several hymns of the Christmas season and is in the first line of the ancient evening hymn “O Gladsome Light, O Grace” (*LSB* 888), which dates back to the fourth century AD and was originally in the Greek language. It describes Jesus as being the ultimate gladsome light with these words: “O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father’s face, eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing!” (*LSB* 888:1). Jesus, the risen Lord, is the light that brings gladness to each hour of the day. We are blessed in that we can always rejoice in His brightness!

PREPARATION

BOB 49 “Enter In”

1. Enter into His presence,
Enter into His love.
Enter into the presence
of the Lord by His blood.
Enter into salvation
by the blood of the Lamb.
Enter into the throne room
Of the Great I am
2. Enter into His presence
And receive by His grace
The privilege to worship him
Here in this place.
Enter into His presence;
Let us bow before Him,
Give Him glory and honor
As we enter in.

Bridge: Enter into the throne room of God
By the precious blood of the Lamb.
Praise Him, praise Him;
Sing of His great love
As we all enter in

3. Enter into His presence,
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Enter into salvation
by the blood of the Lamb.
Enter into the throne room
Of the Great I am.

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13

- C** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- C** The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!
- P** I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.
- C** For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

- O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
- C** Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- C** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.
- C** 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.
- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

BOB 36 Come and See

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.
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.

3. Come and see the glory of the Lord,
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Alleluia, Alleluia.
Lord.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- 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 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Love, Crucified, Arose - Michale Card

1. Long ago He blessed the earth,
Born older than the years,
And in the stall a cross He saw
thru the first of many tears;
A life of homeless wandering,
Cast out in sorrow's way,
The Shepherd seeking for the lost,
His life the price He'd pay.

Chorus 1: Love crucified, arose:
The risen One in splendor,
Jehovah's sole Defender
Has won the victory;
Love crucified, arose,
And the grave became a place of hope
For the heart that sin and sorrow broke
Is beating once again!

2. Throughout Your life You felt the weight
of what You'd come to give:
To drink for us that crimson cup
So we might really live;
At last the time to love and die,
The dark appointed day,
That one forsaken moment
When Your Father turned His face away.

Chorus 2: Love crucified, arose:
The One who lived and died for me
Was Satan's nail pierced casualty,
Now He's breathing once again;
Love crucified, arose,
And the grave became a place of hope
For the heart that sin and sorrow broke
Is beating once again.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- ☉ 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

BOB 107 I Love You, Lord

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

Repeat.

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.**

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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.**

LSB #469 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.**

- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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