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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

***The mission of Concordia Lutheran Church is to gather, teach and inspire
all generations to share the Good News!***

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in the multipurpose room, to your left as you exit the sanctuary.

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

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Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442

(vv. 1, 4 & 5: all; v. 2: women & girls; v. 3: men & boys)

Invocation

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Psalm 118:19-29

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD;

People: the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me

People: and have become my salvation.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected

People: has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing;

People: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

People: O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up on us.

People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

People: You are my God; I will extol you.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer

Pastor: Merciful Father, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms branches in their hands, greeted your dearly loved Son when he came into their city, move us always to hail Jesus as our King, too. And when he comes again in power and glory, may we meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him into everlasting life. We ask this in the Name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Choral Anthem: "Hosanna, Hallelujah"

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (There is no other God.)

Lector: ³⁶The LORD will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. ³⁷He will say: "Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, ³⁸the

gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter! ³⁹ See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death, and I bring to life. I have wounded, and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 (*Follow Christ's humility*)

Lector: ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 (*The Triumphal Entry*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” ⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441

Sermon: “What Good are the Palms?”

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

(Please sign the attendance sheet in the red booklet as it comes to you.)

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: How many times have we betrayed our Lord through our words and actions, or lack thereof? How many times have we betrayed him in our thoughts? When have we viewed something that God valued as something wasteful? We now reflect on our lives and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination and confession)

Pastor: Lord Jesus,

ALL: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, actions, and words. We have sinned against you by not speaking or taking action when we should. We confess to you that we are guilty of buying into the values of our world and not seeing this world with your eyes. Forgive us for the times we have sold out to the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Strengthen and renew us by your Holy Spirit. Create in us clean and courageous hearts, bent on doing your will.

Pastor: Despite our sins, God loves us. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, the price for our sin has been paid. At the command of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever!

+ Sacrament +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

The Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution/Hymns

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

LSB 560

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

Post-Communion Thanks

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever. (*Psalm 118:1*)

Pastor: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, because in him you have fulfilled your covenant of salvation for us. Send us to invite others to sing their glad "hosannas" and to follow him as their Savior and Lord, too.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord's Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are respectfully requested not to receive the sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?
2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasures?
5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord's Supper in this congregation, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Today's Service

- Greeters: David and Carla Braeuner
- Acolyte: Layton Hoehne
- Organist: Barb Burroughs
- Elder: Adam Hoehne
- Ushers: Dalton Head, Earl Petzoldt, Tim Mouser, Kent Luckey
- Audio/Visual Team: Troy Petzoldt, Diane Petzoldt

This Week's Schedule

Today, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday	Noon	SHINE outreach at Frohna Park
Mon.-Mon., April 14-21, 2025		<u>No School at Saxony-Easter break</u>
Mon., April 14, 2025		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Tues., April 15, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball at Frohna park
Wed., April 16, 2025		(No Bible Study-morning and evening studies resume April 23)
	10 a.m.	Bulletin items due
Thurs.-Mon., April 17-21, 2025		<i>No School at UCLS-Easter break</i>
Thurs., April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri., April 18, 2025 Good Friday	6:30 p.m.	Worship
Sat., April 19, 2025		Concordia LYF "Egg My Yard" fundraiser (No Saturday Evening Worship)
Sun., April 20, 2025 Easter	8 a.m.	Bible Study
	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-150 (125 in person, 25 online), one year ago-129; Lent mid-week cancelled due to severe weather; one year ago-65 (57 in person, 8 online); Bible Class-19 (10 in person, 9 online)

As We Gather: It's Holy Week, so prepare for an emotional roller coaster. The week begins with waving palms and shouts of "hosanna" as Jesus enters Jerusalem. No sooner, however, do we say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" than we stand at the foot of the cross and witness the shocking outcome of his coming: darkness, suffering, hatred, blood, and death. Our hopeful expectations are dashed. We are reduced to despair. This is what John the Baptist meant when he called us to repent; to turn away from self so that God can move in his mysterious ways and give us the wondrous gift of forgiveness! God takes the repentant, tearful sinner and restores life to us in the resurrection—life even better than we have ever dreamed or hoped. Thanks be to God!

Order in the order: The Christian faith is built on and springs out of Old Testament roots. In the **OLD TESTAMET** reading, we hear a word from the LORD that was given to people many centuries ago. But that inspired word remains relevant for us today. We remember and are instructed by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Prayers for the following, please: our shut-in members Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Mahela Lueders, Flora Oberndorfer; for God's blessings on the ministry of Missionary John Wolf and his family as they share the Gospel in Africa; for Seminarian Blake Brockman and his family at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; for the renovation work going on at the Hall; for our Family Discipleship team.

The Palm Sunday decorations in the sanctuary today have been arranged by the Parish Care committee.

Our Lenten theme, "Living Among the Bible's Trees," continues during Holy Week:

6:30 p.m., April 17, Maundy Thursday: "Fig Trees"

6:30 p.m., April 18, Good Friday: "Tree of the Cross"

9 a.m., April 20, Easter Sunday: "Tree of Life"

The 2025 Concordia Church Supper committee is: Dennis and Donna Hecht, Jason Hecht, Garrett and Whitney Hemman, Doug and Bonnie Hemman, and Adam and Patty Hoehne.

The Concordia A.C.T.S. small group will hold its annual Ladies Spring Tea at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 27, in the UCLS gym. All ages from youth group on up are welcome to participate. Tea party attire is welcome but not required. Please RSVP by Monday, April 21, to Bonnie at 573-450-2685.

Vacation Bible School will be 8-10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, June 9-13, at Trinity, Altenburg. We are excited to learn more about how Jesus is a faithful friend in whom we can always trust. He is our "True North!" Adult helpers and a preschool teacher are needed. Also, please consider assisting with the VBS preparation. This is the last year for the current VBS planning committee. Contact Jill Barber (573-823-4535) for details.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

The United in Christ Lutheran School plant sale will be 2-7 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 26, in the front yard of the Concordia Church office house. All proceeds go towards sending the 7th-8th graders on their Washington D.C. trip next year.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Saxony Lutheran High School is currently accepting resumes for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Submit your resume by email to Amelia Mansfield at: amansfield@saxonylutheranhigh.org: science teacher (grades 9-12); agriculture science teacher/FFA advisor (grades 9-12); assistant cook (part-time); varsity golf coach.

Tickets are on sale at the school office **for Saxony Lutheran High School's Hall of Fame Class of 2025 induction ceremony**, Saturday, May 3, at the Drury Conference Center. This year's inductees are: Dr. Maddie Brune (2016), Brianne (Mueller) Kramer (2016), Grace Mirly (2016), Raegan Wieser (2016), Joshua Vogel (2015), Paul Sander; and the 2015 and 2016 state champion women's soccer teams.

Registration for the Saxony Lutheran Crusader Classic is now open. The Crusader Classic will be Friday, June 6, at Bent Creek Golf Course in Jackson. Morning and afternoon tee times are available. Breakfast, lunch, and mulligans are included with registration. Call the school office, 573-204-7555, to reserve your team today.

Neighboring Church and Community Notes

The Perry County Ministerial Alliance's Ecumenical Music Concert fundraiser will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Perryville. The theme of the concert is "The Word Was God," based on John 1:1. Any musician is encouraged to participate, whether it's a solo, small group, or choir. If interested, contact Terry Rousseau at 573-547-4300 ext. 107, by Sunday, April 20.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

LIGHT, HOPE and NEW BEGINNINGS! April brings us spring, Easter, and National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The message of resurrection and new life is one that resonates deeply with all of us at Lutheran Family and Children's Services, as we work hard to provide critical services, especially to those most vulnerable, our children. At

LFCS, we are giving HOPE for brighter days and NEW BEGINNINGS to children experiencing child abuse and neglect. We are bringing LIGHT into the lives of those living through dark and stormy days like the ones springtime can bring. But we know that just as God brings new life to the earth, he is also at work in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for answering God’s call to provide hope and renewal to those in need. May the peace and joy of Easter fill your heart and your home.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: A blessed Holy Week to you! On *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays) we continue in II Samuel chapters 12-16. Tune in to *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays) as we begin a study of Genesis. Join us this Friday (10 a.m., April 18) for a Good Friday worship service in German, broadcast live from Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wartburg in Waterloo, Ill.

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

“Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ’s face. You are the tone of his voice. You are the touch of his hands. You are the physical representation of his light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?” *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Week: 32	<u>Hymn of the Week</u>
Sunday: Easter Sunday	LSB 450 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” <i>(for Good Friday worship)</i> O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown. O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
<u>Bible Stories</u>	<u>Bible Verse</u>
04/14 -- M: Matthew 22:1-14 04/15 -- Tu: Matthew 22:15-22 04/16 -- W: Matthew 22:23-33 04/17 -- Th: No school 04/18 -- F: No school	<i>³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31–32 (ESV)</i>
<u>Catechism</u>	
Confession— <i>What is the Office of the Keys?</i> The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to his Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. <i>Where is this written?</i> This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter 20: “The Lord Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’” <i>John 20:22-23</i>	