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## *Welcome to Concordia*

*A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation*

*The back pews are reserved for families with small children.*

*A nursery is available in our multipurpose room  
on the side of the narthex.*

*Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.*

April 11, 2021

# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Hymn: “*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*”

LSB 466

## Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

**People: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**People: You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**People: And grant us Your salvation. *Psalm 85:1, 2, 7***

Pastor: We now confess our sins to our gracious Lord.

*(Moments of silence for examination and confession)*

**ALL: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not nurtured or encouraged peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins of thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Renew us. Keep us ever mindful that we need Your lavish grace. By the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in true confession. He promises to revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May our gracious God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit; lead you in ways of peace and joy; and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**Response: “Come, You Faithful...” (vv. 1-2, 5)**

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## Prayer

Pastor: Risen and ascended Lord, you are alive forevermore! Increase our faith and inspire our witness. Fill your Church with the power of your resurrection, so that we will work faithfully in joy and peace, until every tongue confesses, “My Lord and my God.” For you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**(The very first Christians share with each other.)**

Pastor: <sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**People: <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**People: <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heaven and you waters above the skies.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

**People: <sup>6</sup>and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**People: <sup>8</sup>lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**People: <sup>10</sup>wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

**People: <sup>12</sup>young men and women, old men and children.**

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**People: <sup>14</sup>And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD. Amen!**

**Epistle**

1 John 1:1–2:2

**(We walk in the light of the Lord.)**

Pastor: <sup>1:1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet

walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.<sup>2:1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.<sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual (*Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6*)**

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People: He has put all things under His feet.**

**Gospel**

*John 20:19-31*

*(Jesus appears to His disciples behind locked doors.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn: *"O Sons and Daughters of the King"* LSB 470  
(vv. 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9-all; vv. 2 & 3-women & girls;  
vv. 6 & 7-men & boys)

Sermon: "From Easter fear...to Easter joy...to Easter sending!"

Offering/Song: *"O Glorious Day"*

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**

+ **Sacrament** +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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...one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sanctus Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (vv. 1 & 4) LSB 507

Prayer of Thanks

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Agnus Dei Hymn: *"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"* (vv. 1 & 3) LSB 434

Distribution/Hymns

*"Just as I Am, with One Plea"* LSB 570

*"When Peace, like a River"* LSB 763

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"* LSB 720

*"He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord"* LSB 480

Post-Communion Collect

Blessing

Hymn: *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* LSB 924

Announcements

Postlude

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**STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

Our worship today includes the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, or Holy Communion. This holy meal is received in glad confidence, because our Lord tells us that He gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; those who trust His words regarding the Lord’s Supper; repent of all sins; and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who do so receive the benefits of this holy supper and proclaim His death and resurrection until He comes again.

However, because the Bible (I Corinthians 11:23-29) also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood in an incorrect manner do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is professed at this altar (I Corinthians 10:17), we practice “close communion” at Concordia. 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 and are requested to cross your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have any 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 church, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

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## Participants in Sunday's Service

Greeters:	Kevin and Kara Martyn
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Musicians:	Jenny France, Beth Leible, Jeff Leible, Evan Schuessler
Acolyte:	Lilly Roth
Elder:	Rick Lorenz
Ushers:	Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk, Jason Hecht
Audio/Visual Team:	Tony Vogel, Jenny France

## This Week's Schedule

Mon., April 12, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Tues., April 13, 2021	9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann at Circuit Meeting in Ste. Genevieve
	6 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
Wed., April 14, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Revelation)
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Thurs., April 15, 2021	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Thurs.-Sun., April 15-18, 2021		<i>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.</i>
Sun., April 18, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class (Genesis 1-11)
	9 a.m.	Worship

## Announcements

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 262, one year ago – (Covid); Adult Bible Class – 18, one year ago – (Covid); Maundy Thursday – 96, one year ago – (Covid); Good Friday – 110, one year ago – (Covid)

**As We Gather:** Today, the joy of Easter continues! The initial appearance of the Lord on the day of resurrection has now expanded into a series of appearances by Jesus to His disciples and others. Once again, He is God in person on earth, assuring His faithful that He is with them always. To the disciples gathered in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His presence among them gives a full sense of "shalom," which is complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship too, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with each another. As we worship today, let us celebrate that peace which passes all human understanding!

**Something to celebrate:** Born again through water and the Word yesterday was Lena Jean Schmidt, infant daughter of Tim and Stefanie Schmidt. Her sponsors are Brandon Schmidt, Tyler Schmidt, and Jamie Allen. Lena was born March 21. We praise God for making Lena His child and an heir of His heavenly kingdom.

**Stewardship thought for the week:** John 20:19 says, "**Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'**" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us—and not our works—we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done for self-centered reasons, but for the right reasons: to give thanks to God for your salvation and out of love and care for your neighbor.

**The Altenburg Zone LWML Spring Rally** will be today, April 11, at Grace, Uniontown (school basement). Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., and the rally will begin at 1 p.m. The theme for the rally will be “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”, based on Jeremiah 29:11. The speaker, Rev. Joe Hoem, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will present a video “Be Joyful in Prayer” virtually. The ingathering will be monetary for Lutheran Family & Children’s Services in Cape Girardeau. The offering will be for mites. A light luncheon will be served.

**Concordia Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. **Concordia Voters** will meet on Sunday, April 25, after worship.

**Offering options**—Each week, there is an offering plate at the door of the sanctuary in which you can leave your envelope as you come and go for worship. Concordia also offers online giving through our website (click on the “Give” tab) or there is a mobile app you may download (“GivePlus Church”). You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account which can be used for recurring offerings. Contact the Concordia treasurer, Derek Miesner, or the financial secretary, Jenny France, if you have questions or need more information.

**Did you know**...if you are 70½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060.

**March Contributions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Lenten Service) – \$670.00, 7<sup>th</sup> – \$5,115.00, 10<sup>th</sup> (Lenten Service) – \$4,035.00, 14<sup>th</sup> – \$3,592.00, 17<sup>th</sup> (Lenten Service) – \$1,295.00, 21<sup>st</sup> – \$4,170.00, 24<sup>th</sup> (Lenten Service) – \$505.00, 28<sup>th</sup> – \$3,085.00; Online Contributions-General Fund (Members) – \$5,840.95; Online Contributions-UCLS Tuition Fund (General) (Non-Members) – \$2,500.00; Online Contributions-General (Non-Members) – \$25.25; and Door Offering (Lutheran Heritage Foundation-late donation) – \$10

**Get ready for “God’s Wonder Lab!”** Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School 2021** Monday-Friday, June 14-18, at Trinity, Altenburg! More information to come.

**Plans are being made for Concordia’s Summer Program. You can help by donating one or more of the following items:** tape – masking, clear, and duct; cheap, plastic tablecloths (you can get them at Wal-Mart in the party section-three in a bag-inexpensive); acrylic paint; little matchbox cars; bouncy balls; hula hoops; Frisbees; shaving cream; gift cards to either Wal-Mart or Dollar General; and your time/driving abilities. If you want to use a Thrivent Action Team Grant for Concordia’s Summer Program, it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be dropped off at Whitney Hemman’s house at 5711 Main St., Frohna, MO 63748. If you have questions, feel free to email Whitney at whitnichemm20061114@gmail.com or call her at 573-768-4344.

### **Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes**

**LYF returns to its monthly meeting time today**, the 2nd Sunday of each month, right after worship. Today, we will start in the sanctuary. Parents, please stay with your youth for the first 15 minutes of the meeting. We will be talking about the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. Then, the youth will head over to the office house for pancakes and fellowship, finishing up around 11:30. Please plan on staying!

**Concordia & Salem, Farrar LYF will SHINE together in Frohna next Sunday, April 18**, as we serve our community by painting the bleachers at the Frohna ballpark. This endeavor is part of a special state-wide movement among Missouri District LCMS congregations. Many congregations, schools and institutions are participating, to let the light of Christ SHINE in our neighborhoods and communities. Our LYF will be commissioned for service during that morning's worship service, then head up to the ballpark afterwards. Food and drink will be served; motivational music played; and a task that will bless us all will be completed. Please contact Amy Hoemann or Katie Miesner with your willingness to serve. The more paint brushes going, the faster the task is completed!

**Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)** is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser. (Please, no steel cans.) If you have any cans you would like to donate, please place them in garbage bags (tied/closed) in the storage shed on the picnic grounds. Thank you for your help in sending our young people to the next LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2022 in Houston, Texas.

### **United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes**

**The Plant Sale** will be Friday, April 23, from 2-7 p.m., and Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., (rain or shine) in the yard outside the Concordia church offices. Proceeds will benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

### **Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum Notes**

**Job Opening**—The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg is seeking a part-time director. The position would include responsibilities such as supervising docent staff, developing fundraising strategies, and overseeing exhibit design. If interested, or for more information, please send your contact information to [contact@lutheranmuseum.com](mailto:contact@lutheranmuseum.com).

### **Neighboring Church & Community Notes**

**SCIPP and Eisleben Lutheran Church are going to start the Lunch & Learns** again tomorrow, April 12, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. This event will include a free lunch for senior citizens, a short program, and Bingo.

**The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid 5K Walk/Run** will be this Saturday, April 17, at Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville. Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with the race beginning at 9 a.m. (games for children during the race). Food will be available until 12 p.m. You don't have to walk or run to support this event. Buy a t-shirt, or stop by for hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, or Kona Ice. Register on Eventbrite or email [ilcladiesaid@gmail.com](mailto:ilcladiesaid@gmail.com) for a registration form.

**The "On a Mission from God" Banquet for Life** will be Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus (175 Jersey Lane). The doors will open at 6 p.m., with the dinner and program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Claire Culwell (abortion survivor). Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry will be extended. Register at <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=15927>.

**Immanuel's Annual Fried Chicken Supper** will be Sunday, April 25, from 3-7 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Altenburg. The cost of the meal will be \$10 for adults \$10.00 and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Items will be available at the Country Store.

**A program designed to assist older Missourians with accessing COVID-19 vaccine** is available. In partnership with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Missouri's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) will assist seniors with online vaccination registration, coordinate round trip transportation to and from their vaccination appointments, and conduct reminder calls for seniors' second doses. Seniors age 60 and older can seek assistance with the vaccination registration process by calling their local AAA, Aging Matters at 573-335-2482.

**Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) Academy & Festival**, an immersive music performance and training program for young musicians grades 8-12, will be held June 27-July 25 at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, on campus or online. For more information, visit <https://www.lsmacademy.org/about>.

**KFUO Notes**

**This week on KFUE.org**, study 1 Peter 2-3 on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), finish 2 Thessalonians and begin 1 Kings on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUE Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon)!

**“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life**

**“Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter** clinched it for Paul. If God’s Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**Weekly Devotions (Easter 3)**

**Hymn of the Week**

**LSB 483**

**“With High Delight Let Us Unite”**

With high delight  
Let us unite

In songs of great jubilation.

Ye pure in heart,

All bear your part,

Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free

Forever, He

Is ris’n and sends

To all earth’s ends

Good news to save ev’ry nation.

**Bible Stories**

04/12 -- M: John 17:6-10

04/13 -- Tu: John 17:11-15

04/14 -- W: John 17:16-19

04/15 -- Th: John 17:20-22

04/16 -- F: John 18:1-27

**Bible Verse**

*<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17 (ESV)*

**Catechism**

Confession – *“What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.” Which are these? Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?”*