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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 18, 2021

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Invocation & Victory Celebration

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The psalmist writes: "Oh sing unto the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him!" (*Psalm 98:1*) Together, we sing of the resurrection victory of our God:

Hymn: "*The Day of Resurrection*" (v. 1)

LSB 478

**The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad.
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal; from sin's dominion free.
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

Pastor: St. Paul writes: "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (*I Corinthians 15:54, 57*) The victory of Christ gives hope to the grieving and assurance to all the faithful. We sing of the "victor strain" in the second verse of "The Day of Resurrection:"

Hymn: "*The Day of Resurrection*" (v. 2)

LSB 478

**Let hearts be purged of evil, That we may see aright.
The Lord in rays eternal; Of resurrection light.
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

Pastor: St. John writes in the book of Revelation: "And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb." (*Revelation 15:2-3*) The celebration of the victory of Jesus, the Lamb of God slain for our salvation goes on throughout eternity. We join in the joyful praise as we sing verses three and four of "The Day of Resurrection."

Hymn: "*The Day of Resurrection*" (vv. 3-4)

LSB 478

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son.
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number, fall down before the throne.
And honor, pow'r and glory, ascribe to God alone!**

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: We now confess our sin to our great Three in One God; Father, Son and Spirit.

(Moments of silence for examination and confession)

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived victorious lives in all things. We have indeed turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father. Forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Gracious God, grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Good news! God has promised forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him. 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. May He keep you in His grace by the work of the Holy Spirit here on earth, and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

Prayer

First Lesson

Acts 3:11-21

(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

Pastor: ¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?" ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he

promised long ago through his holy prophets.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: “Christ, Mighty Savior” (vv. 1, 4-5) (based on Psalm 4) LSB 881

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

(St. John reminds us that we are God's children now.)

Pastor: ¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

(The Disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children’s Message

Hymn: *“With High Delight”*

LSB 483

Sermon

Offering/Hymn: *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”*

LSB 464

Commissioning of the “Shine” Missionaries

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

LSB 660

Announcements

Postlude

Participants in Today’s Service

Greeters:	Hank and Katrina Voelker
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Reagan Ponder
Elder:	Dale Burroughs
Ushers:	Brandon Thurm, Garrett Hemman, Eric Barich, Jesse Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Jeff Leible, Beth Leible

This Week’s Schedule

Mon., April 19, 2021		Pastor Hoemann’s Day Off
Tues., April 20, 2021	6 p.m.	UCLS PTL
	7 p.m.	Concordia Church Council
Wed., April 21, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Revelation)
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Sun., April 25, 2021	8 a.m.	Bible Class (Genesis 1-11)
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	After Worship	Concordia Voters

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 121, one year ago – (Covid); Adult Bible Class – 15, one year ago – (Covid)

As We Gather: The Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories—the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by resurrected Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning. He is risen; He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Something to celebrate: We received a letter from the St. Louis seminarian that we support through Concordia Seminary’s adopt-a-student program, Nick Wagenknecht. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to see. The highlights include the classes he’s taking this semester as he finishes his second year; later this

month, he will find out where he will be serving his vicarage year upcoming; and he and his fiancée, Hannah, will be married on May 29. Please continue to keep Nick and Hannah in your prayers.

A newsletter from Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte, serving the Congo Republic, Africa, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

“The Voice of Missouri” (April issue) is available on-line at <http://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/April-Voice-2021-Interactive.pdf>. You may also subscribe to **“The Voice of Missouri”** at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy of the most recent issue is available on the south buffet in Concordia’s narthex for those who do not have internet access.)

Stewardship thought for the week: I John 3:2 says, **“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”** The essence of our sanctification is becoming like Jesus. As John notes, this will only be completed at the final Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

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

It’s time for Bible study! Right now, we have three studies going at Concordia: Genesis 1-11 at 8 a.m. on Sundays; a virtual study of Proverbs (talk to Whitney Hemman if you’d like to participate in it) on Mondays; and the book of Revelation at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Some great opportunities for you to be in the Word of God beyond Sunday worship. Please take advantage of them!

Vacation Bible School 2021—“God’s Wonder Lab” will be held Monday-Friday, June 14-18, from 8-11 a.m. each day at Trinity, Altenburg. Children 3 yrs old to 6th grade (completed) AND volunteers can register now until Monday, May 3, online at VBSMate.com/TrinityAltenburgMo. Please consider volunteering. VBS is always in need of adult help! If you have any questions, please contact Katie Miesner at 573-579-4755 or Jennifer Hadler at 573-517-1256.

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: 3rd (Lenten Service) – \$670.00, 7th – \$5,115.00, 10th (Lenten Service) – \$4,035.00, 14th – \$3,592.00, 17th (Lenten Service) – \$1,295.00, 21st – \$4,170.00, 24th (Lenten Service) – \$505.00, 28th – \$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

Concordia Summer Program is looking for any volunteers age 15 and over who would like to help out Monday through Friday during June and July with the program. Tasks will include helping to keep children safe, playing games, cleaning duties, possibly helping transport children to local events, and helping keep things organized. If you are interested, please call or text Whitney Hemman at 573-768-4344 so that she can get your name on the contact list.

Concordia Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Notes

Concordia & Salem, Farrar LYF will SHINE together in Frohna today, as we serve our community by painting the bleachers at the Frohna ballpark. SHINE is part of a special state-wide movement among Missouri District LCMS congregations. Many congregations, schools and institutions are participating April 16-25, to let the light of Christ SHINE in our neighborhoods and communities. Our LYF will be commissioned this morning during the service, then head up to the ballpark afterwards.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on March 18 are available today on the south buffet.

The Plant Sale will be this 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 7th and 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Saxony Drama will present "Dark Road" by Laura Lundgren Smith, a powerful drama about the choices that allow evil to become ordinary, this evening, April 18, at 7 p.m. in Saxony's Moeller Commons. Tickets will be available at the door.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The "On a Mission from God" Banquet for Life will be this 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>.

The Brazeau Scenic Tour will be this Saturday, April 24, and next Sunday, April 25, in Brazeau. Ham and beans will be available on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and stew will be available on Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for a free-will donation. For more information, please see the flyer on the church bulletin board.

Immanuel's Annual Fried Chicken Supper will be next 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.

The Perry County Lutheran Historical Society Spring Meeting will be next Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran School, Altenburg. The program will include updates on the Museum's 2021 projects and Immigration Conference.

A Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the East Perry County Lions, will be Monday, May 3, from 2-6 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Altenburg. Appointments may be made at redcrossblood.org.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - The Grace/Zion Lutheran Youth Group will be hosting a 3-on-3 Coed Basketball Tournament on Saturday, June 12, starting at 9 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Uniontown. There will be Junior and Senior Divisions with the Junior Division comprised of kids who were in 8th grade or below during the 2020-2021 school year and the Senior Division being those in 9th grade and above. The entry fee will be \$40/team, as each team can have four players. Due to daylight limitations, we will limit each division to a maximum of 17 teams. The tournament will consist of pool play, followed by the top teams making it to the playoffs. Individual trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. If interested, please contact Paul Gholson at paulwgholson@yahoo.com.

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.

The Perry County Community Task Force is looking for adult volunteers, age 18 years and older, to become mentors for the CHAMPS mentoring program. CHAMPS is a mentoring program that seeks to provide a safe place for children in the community to learn and grow through fun activities while learning different character traits. Mentoring opportunities are available in Frohna/Altenburg on Mondays from 3-4 p.m. and in Perryville on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. CHAMPS is always looking to expand, and would love for you to be a part of its program. Your schedule can be flexible since this is a group-run program. So whether you can help every week, bi-weekly, or monthly, we would love to have your help. Please contact Whitney Hemman at 573-547-1292 or 573-768-4344 for more information.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUE Radio during Sharathon 2021 this Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24. KFUE relies on support from its faithful listeners like you in order to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the globe. Give now at kfuo.org/sharathon!

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life

“Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God’s work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Easter 4)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 709

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Bible Stories

- 04/19 -- M: John 18:28-40
- 04/20 -- Tu: John 19:1-24
- 04/21 -- W: John 19:25-42
- 04/22 -- Th: John 20:1-18
- 04/23 -- F: Luke 24:13-35

Bible Verse

⁴*[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*
1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV)

Catechism

Confession – *“What is the Office of the Keys? 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. Where is this written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: 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.” John 20:22-23*