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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

If you are our guest, please fill out a visitor card (in the pew rack behind the Communion cards) and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. If you worship regularly with us and have a new address, a prayer request or a message for the pastor or the church office, you are welcome to use the visitor card to share that with us. Thank you!

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in our multi-purpose room on the side of the Narthex.

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 2016

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

Opening Hymn: *“O Savior, Precious Savior”* LSB 527

Invocation, Confession & Absolution LSB 151

Introit (Psalm 98)

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

All: 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: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

Old Testament Reading Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my

mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Gradual

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

Children’s Choir: “In His Time”

Common Alleluia

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Nicene Creed	LSB 158
Children’s Message	
Sermon Hymn: “ <i>They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love</i> ”	SfD 12
Sermon: “ <i>Love One Another</i> ”	John 13:31-35
Offering	
Offertory: “ <i>Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful</i> ”	LSB 955
Prayers of the Church: (<i>Congregational response: Hear our prayer</i>)	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:	
“ <i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i> ”	LSB 620
“ <i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i> ”	LSB 636
Post-Communion Canticle: “ <i>Thank the Lord</i> ”	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: “ <i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i> ”	LSB 842
Announcements	
Postlude	

Participants in this Morning’s Service

Greeters:	Tom and Sue Roth
Organist:	Sarah Benkendorf
Acolyte:	Brandon Thurm
Elder of the Day:	Earl Petzoldt
Ushers:	Tyler Schmidt, Adam Lichtenegger, Derek Miesner, Dwayne Roth
Audio/Visual Team:	Amy Birk, Beth Leible

This Week’s Schedule

Mon., April 25 th		<i>No School—Teacher In-Service</i>
	7 p.m.	Finance Board
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wed., April 27 th	9 a.m.	Bible Study
	7 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed.-Thurs., April 27 th & 28 th		<i>7th & 8th Grade Trip to Jefferson City</i>
Thurs., April 28 th	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS PTL Meeting</i>
Fri., April 29 th	3 p.m.-Dusk	<i>UCLS Plant Sale</i>
Sat., April 30 th	8 a.m.-12 p.m.	<i>UCLS Plant Sale</i>
Sun., May 1 st	8 a.m.	Bible Study
	After Worship	Refreshments and Fellowship
	After Worship	Youth meet with Pastor Pastor Benkendorf leading Worship at
	2 p.m.	Independence Care Center
	3 p.m.	Estates of Perryville

Weekly Devotions (Easter 5)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 462 “All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding”

All the earth with joy is sounding:
Christ has risen from the dead!
He, the greater Jonah, bounding
From the grave, His three-day bed,
Wins the prize:
Death's demise—
Songs of triumph fill the skies.

Bible Stories

04/25 - M: No School
04/26-- Tu: Matthew 24:45-51
04/27-- W: Matthew 25:1-13
04/28-- Th: Matthew 25:14-30
04/29-- F: Matthew 25:31-46

Bible Verse

⁴²*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (ESV)*

Catechism

K-2: The Sacrament of the Altar – *“Where is this written?”* The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

3-8: The Sacrament of the Altar – *“What is the Sacrament of the Altar?”* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. *Where is this written?* The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Announcements

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Hear the Word of the Lord.

A Word of God to chew on this week: ⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

New Members?: Are you interested in becoming a member, or know of somebody who is interested in becoming a member? Please contact Pastor Benkendorf at 824-5435 or revbenkendorf@gmail.com. He will gladly and willingly talk to any and all who are interested in becoming members of Concordia, Frohna.

Church Attendance: Worship – 224 (Sat.-85, Sun.-139), one year ago – 180 (Sat.-40, Sun.-140); Adult Bible Class – 23, one year ago – 29

VBS forms will be sent home from school this Tuesday, and are available in the churches. They will be due back to the schools by Friday, May 6. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Birk (824-5383) or Jessica Hecht (824-5587).

The LWML Missouri District Convention will be held at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau Friday-Sunday, June 3-5. The Altenburg Zone is one of the hosting zones, and a lot of our ladies are on committees, and busy at work preparing for this big event. The convention will never be held any closer, so everyone, especially LWML members, is encouraged to attend. The theme of the convention is "God's Love Spans the Centuries". Many new and exciting things are happening this year, with our German heritage at the center of the theme of many of the events. Special speakers like Gary Theis, Mission Counselor for Mission Central; Linda Reiser, past president of the National LWML; and our current national president, Patti Ross, will be in attendance. (Patti has roots in Farrar, as her Grandpa was a Mahnken.) Registration is now open, and will continue to be open until May 27; however, the reduced registration expires on Monday, May 2. Attendance at the opening service on Friday night, June 3, does not require registration. This event will be truly inspirational as hundreds of men and women will partake in the Lord's Supper together, and a mass choir, under the direction of Tyson Wunderlich, will be participating. For more information, you may visit the website at www.missouriwml.org or call Pat Petzoldt at 824-5912 or Donna Hecht at 824-5280. Further details are available on a poster on Concordia's bulletin board.

A "Thank You!" letter has been received from the Slavens at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. It is posted on Concordia's bulletin board.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

The UCLS Plant Sale will be this Friday, April 29, from 3 p.m.-dusk, and this Saturday, April 30, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Concordia Church Offices. All proceeds will benefit UCLS students going to Washington, DC.

The students from UCLS will be singing for the 7th inning stretch at the Cardinals game on Saturday, July 23. The game is at 6:15 p.m. against the Los Angeles Dodgers. UCLS has a block of 300 tickets available for sale for \$16 per ticket. In order to accommodate groups, the tickets will be available to be picked up from school after May 19. Please contact Sarah in the school office for more information.

Our Pre-K at UCLS continues to use a play-based approach to learning. Many studies show links between the process of "play" at an early age and cognitive skills such as memory, self-regulation, oral-language abilities, and successful school adjustment. In an era where education is so strong on testing, and only those activities that can be easily tested, our approach is sound, research-based, and sets students on solid ground for growing socially, emotionally, and academically. *If you, or*

someone you know, is interested in enrolling your child in our fully-accredited program, please call the school office (824-5218).

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Saxony Lutheran High School has the following positions open for the 2016-2017 school year: Head Volleyball Coach, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Head Dance Coach, and Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach. Please send resumes to amansfield@saxonylutheranhigh.org or mail them to Saxony Lutheran High School, 2004 Saxony Dr, Jackson, MO 63755.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes

The Annual LFCS Kentucky Derby Party will be Friday, May 6, at the Plaza Conference Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the Run for the Roses Horse Race scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event will include singing, dancing, "Best of Kentucky Derby" Contests and prizes, Southern and Kentucky Derby specialties, and will feature Tony B's Dueling Pianos all night long. Tickets are \$40 each or \$280 for a table of eight (each ticket includes food, drinks, and entertainment). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Michelle at LFCS at 334-5866. Get your tickets soon as they are going fast!

The Lutheran Family & Children's Services Auxiliary Spring Rally will be Wednesday, May 11, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The theme will be "Giving Hope & Healing to All Ages". The program will be "Feeling Safe in an Unsafe World, Learning Ways We Can Fight Back". The ingathering will be baby clothes (6-24 months), baby socks, bottles, nipples, onesies, wipes, and teething rings. The Thank Offering will be going to "Hope & Healing", a new program LFCS is offering for birth mothers, and will be used for meals during their group sessions. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 4, to Joanne Hilpert by phone (243-4349), by e-mail (jhilpert@hotmail.com), or by mail to 1170 Bramblewood, Jackson, MO 63755.

The LFCS Auxiliary Board decided to host the Annual Rummage Sale on a bi-yearly schedule. Please keep your items for the 2017 Rummage Sale.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

Camp Wartburg's 47th Annual Chicken Dinner will be held today, April 24, with serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (children under 5 eat free). (Camp Wartburg is located at 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo, Illinois.)

The Altenburg and Cape Zones LLL Spring Rally will be held today, April 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Egypt Mills. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m., the program will begin at 3 p.m., the meetings at 4 p.m., with the meal to follow the meetings. The program will include a Men's Network Bible Study.

Annual Plant Sale – The Altenburg Homemakers Annual Plant Sale will be this Tuesday, April 26, at the East Perry Fairgrounds. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with the sale beginning at 6 p.m. Proceeds will be used for community projects. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a lawn chair.

Call Day will be held this Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. If you can't attend in person, Call Day will be live-streamed at callday.csl.edu.

A Breakfast will be held next Sunday, May 1, from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Maurus Parish, Biehle. The meal will be served buffet-style. The menu will include plain and blueberry pancakes, ham, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, German fried potatoes, milk gravy, biscuits, homemade coffeecake, orange juice, and coffee. The cost of the meal will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. Carry-outs will be available.

A Kettle Beef and Fried Chicken Supper, with all the trimmings, will be held next Sunday, May 1, from 3-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown. The cost of the meal will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 4-10. Carry-outs will be available.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the Altenburg Lions Club, will be Monday, May 9, from 2-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Altenburg.

Attention – Junior High and High School Students – The Lutheran Home needs volunteers to participate in its “Junior Volunteer Program”. The “Junior Volunteer Program” is a way to gain service hours and learn about working with older adults while helping with the activities department. Participants must be at least 13 years old. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Lynn Fitzsimmons or Amy Adams, Junior Volunteer Co-Directors, at 335-0158.

For over 30 years, Lutheran Music Program has offered students in grades 8 through 12 the unique opportunity to study under nationally-recognized music faculty while nurturing their faith during a four-week residency at the Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival. The program works to make LSM affordable for families through scholarships and matching funds. Scholarship donations may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn: Hope Botwinski, 100 North Frederick St, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. To donate to an individual scholarship, designate the name of the individual on the memo line. These monies will be matched at 33% by the camp.

Scholarships Available

Bethesda, in partnership with the Bethesda Auxiliary, is accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 academic year for Lutheran high school, college, and seminary students with a career objective in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ten scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be active, communicant members of a Lutheran congregation. Other application requirements include documentation of volunteer or paid service to people with developmental disabilities, an essay, and letters of recommendation. The application deadline is next Sunday, May 1. Applications and more information may be found on-line at BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org/Scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Schultz at 800-383-8743, ext. 4427, or e-mail Barb.Schultz@mailblc.org.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Notes

Lutheran Hour Ministries has received a \$100,000 Matching Grant that can double your gift of support. Donations help Lutheran Hour Ministries reach one million listeners each week through “The Lutheran Hour”, and help spread the Gospel to those in the United States and other countries, especially those in the midst of violence and unrest. Donations may be made online at lhmgift.org, “Donate Now”; by phone at 1-877-333-1963; or by mail to: Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141.

KFUO Notes

Listen to “Thy Strong Word” on Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org weekdays at 11 a.m. Join us as we look at the Book of Hosea in the Old Testament: tomorrow, April 25 – Hosea 3 – “Hosea Redeems His Wife”; Tuesday, April 26 – Hosea 4 – “The Lord Accuses Israel”; Wednesday, April 27 – Hosea 5 – “Punishment Coming for Israel and Judah”; Thursday, April 28 – Hosea 6 – “Israel and Judah are Unrepentant” (Part 1); and Friday, April 29 – Hosea 7 – “Israel and Judah are Unrepentant” (Part 2). Listen to KFUO on the radio at 850 AM, or live streaming and archived at www.kfuo.org. Follow KFUO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KFUORadio.