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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 25, 2021

Good Shepherd Sunday

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Hymn: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB 819

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

People: blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. (Psalm 34:8)

Pastor: You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your Word.

People: You are good and do good. (Psalm 119:65, 68a)

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: We come before our gracious God in true repentance, seeking His forgiveness and His power to amend of our sinful ways.

People: With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Women/Girls: Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Men/Boys: Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

People: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Pastor: He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

All: Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. By the work of the Holy Spirit, may we follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to live in Your house forever.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of the Good Shepherd, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit keep you steadfast in faith; lead you into greater obedience; and bring you to live with the Father forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer

First Lesson

Acts 4:1-12

(Peter and John speak before the council.)

Pastor: ¹The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and

John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. ⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

LSB 710

Epistle

I John 3:16-24

(We are commanded by God to believe on the name of Jesus Christ and to love one another.)

Pastor: ¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual & Verse (Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Romans 6:9)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

People: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

(Jesus says there will be one flock and one shepherd.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Rite of Fellowship/Children’s Message

Hymn: *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

LSB 711

Sermon: *“Follow the Blueprint” Acts 4:1-12*

Offering/Hymn: *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

LSB 783

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

+ 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 good, wholesome, and proper...together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus. (*Revelation 22:20*)

Distribution/Hymns

- "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"* LSB 666
- "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"* LSB 625
- "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* LSB 641
- "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* LSB 740

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

Announcements

Postlude

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 (1 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 (1 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?

Participants in Today's Service

Greeters:	Andy and Angie Head
Elder:	Dennis Hecht
Ushers:	Dustin Roth, Earl Petzoldt, Dalton France, Ben Grebing
Audio/Visual Team:	Troy Petzoldt, Donna Hecht

This Week's Schedule

Today, April 25, 2021	After Worship	Concordia Voters
Mon., April 26, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Wed., April 28, 2021	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Revelation)
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Fri., April 30- Mon., May 3, 2021		Pastor Hoemann's Vacation
Sun., May 2, 2021	9 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 127, one year ago – (Covid); Adult Bible Class – 24, one year ago – (Covid)

As We Gather: The portrayal of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was used very early on in artistic representations, going back to the very first Christian centuries. The earliest believers took comfort in the image brought to life by Jesus' words: "I am the Good Shepherd." The fact that He chooses to repeat that statement more than once indicates its importance. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is all that is good and has promised that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

Something to celebrate: We have completed phase 1 of our strategic planning effort at Concordia. Now, we will soon move into phase 2. Our strategic planning committee, made up of Dale Burroughs, Carol Duggan, Jenny France, Whitney Hemman, Jason Klaus, Jeff Leible, Shannon Martin, Stacey Schmidt, and Hank Voelker, will soon be busy taking the information gained in phase 1 and shaping into mission and vision statements, and ultimately a strategic plan for the congregation. Thanks to all of you who participated in the four focus groups. And thanks to them for saying "yes" to this responsibility. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation this Friday, April 30, through Monday, May 3. In case of emergency, or need for pastoral care, please contact Rev. Frank Lucas at 734-735-8613 (cell).

Stewardship thought for the week: John 10:14 says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity flows from the Lord's grace.

A Door Offering will be taken on Sunday, May 9, for Lutherans For Life.

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.

Concordia’s 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.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

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

Missouri District News

Missouri District church planter, Pastor Jim Bartok, often uses his background in martial arts to connect with families in the Ozark area—teaching classes and meeting new people. These relationships then open doors for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and extending invitations to worship. Pastor Bartok is one of several church planters in our state—all using their unique skills for the glory of God to launch new churches. Please continue to keep these workers in your prayers as they serve in this challenging and joyful role!

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

The Brazeau Scenic Tour continues today, April 25, in Brazeau. Stew will be available today 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 today, 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 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 today, 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.

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, study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 1 on *Sharper Iron's* "The Imperishable Inheritance" (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Learn about 1 Kings 4-7 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and study our Lutheran Confessions on *Concord Matters* (Saturdays at 10 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"Death is the one thing no Christian has to do on his or her own. Jesus has already been through suffering and death before us. He knows the way through death and the way back to life, too. Our friends and family cannot go with us—but Jesus can. He will never let go of our hands. And He will bring us back to life with Him because He has promised, and He will never lie." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Easter 5)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 486

"If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"

If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

Bible Stories

- 04/26 -- M: Luke 24:33-49
- 04/27 -- Tu: John 20:19-31
- 04/28 -- W: John 21:1-14
- 04/29 -- Th: John 21:15-25
- 04/30 -- F: Luke 24:44-53

Bible Verse

¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin." 2 Samuel 12:13 (ESV)

Catechism

Confession – *"What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself."*