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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 our multipurpose room on the side of the narthex.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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Invocation & Call to Worship (*selected verses from Psalms 8 and 135*)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good.

Pastor: Celebrate his lovely name with music.

People: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself.

Pastor: Israel for his own special treasure.

People: He destroyed the firstborn in each Egyptian home—

Pastor: Both people and animals.

People: He performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt.

Pastor: Against Pharaoh and all his people.

People: O LORD, our Lord,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vv. 1-3)

LSB 442

(Please stand and follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)

Confession & Absolution (*selected verses from Romans 7*)

Pastor: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

People: I know that nothing good lives in me.

Pastor: That is, in my sinful nature.

People: I have the desire to do good.

Pastor: But I cannot carry it out.

People: What I do is not the good I want to do.

Pastor: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

People: I find this law at work—

Pastor: when I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

People: In my inner being I delight in your law.

Pastor: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

(You may silently reflect on the fact that though your sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)

Pastor: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed, and his blood forgives you and sets you free. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations.

All: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise!

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vv. 4-5)

LSB 442

Prayer

Old Testament: Exodus 34:1-8 (*New tablets*)

Lector: ¹ The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands,^[a] forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshipped. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: II Corinthians 5:14-6:2 (*The new has come!*)

Lector: ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 6:1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11 (*The triumphant entry*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

Sermon: “A New Beginning” Exodus 34:1-8

Offering/Rite of Fellowship

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

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: The old life is gone.

People: Our new life has begun. *(II Corinthians 5:17)*

+Sacrament+

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *(II Timothy 4:22)*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *(Colossians 3:1)*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

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

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

Sanctus

LSB 208

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

The Peace

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

People: And also with you. Amen, come, Lord Jesus!

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution/Hymns

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441

“In Christ Alone”

Nunc Dimittis
Prayer of Thanks

LSB 211

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 dear Son, for in him you fulfilled your covenant of salvation for us. Now send us to invite others to sing their "hosannas" and to follow him with us, as their Savior and Lord, too.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: We know and trust the greatness of the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit! O LORD, our Lord

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

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
Organist: Barb Burroughs
Lector: Carol Duggan
Acolyte: Lillian Barich
Elder: Rick Lorenz
Ushers: Phillip Head, Garrett Head, Tim Mouser, Dusty Lorenz
Audio/Visual Team: Jesse Grebing, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Mon., March 25, 2024		Pastor Hoemann's day off
	6 p.m.	"Concordia Sings" in choir loft
Tues., March 26, 2024	Noon	Bulletin items due
	5:45 p.m.	EPC Wildcats Volleyball vs. St. Augustine, Kelso (C) (Home)
Wed., March 27, 2024		No Bible Class (Resumes 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., April 3)
Thursday-Tuesday, March 28-April 2, 2024		No School at UCLS-Easter Break
Thursday-Friday, March 28-April 5, 2024		No School at Saxony-Easter Break
Thurs., March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.	"Concordia Sings" in church office
	7 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri., March 29, 2024 Good Friday	7 p.m.	Worship
Sat., March 30, 2024		LYF Easter egg fundraiser
Sun., March 31, 2024 The Resurrection of our Lord/Easter	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	2 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann leading worship at Independence Care Center

Announcements

Attendance: Worship-196 (Saturday-73, Sunday-103, online-20), one year ago-108; Lent 4-65 (in person-57, online-8), one year ago-91 (4 p.m.-60, 6:30 p.m.-31)

As We Gather: Our past is behind us. God's grace is before us. That's the message for Israel in Exodus 34. And that's God's message for us, too, on this Palm Sunday. Welcome to Concordia!

Stewardship Standard: Zechariah 9:9 says, "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In his Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything he has and is. He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us his people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

Order in the order—why we do what we do in Lutheran worship: In the **PRAYERS OF THE CHUCH**, all of life is presented to God; our thanks and praise; the specific needs of the Church and its leaders; the governments and nations of the world; the poor and needy; the sick; and those who cannot defend themselves. This prayer lays before God the needs of all people everywhere.

Holy Week services: Our theme for Lent this year has been "Let My People Go!" based on the book of Exodus. We continue with that during this Holy Week, as you are

invited to our special worship services at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday; 7 p.m. Good Friday; and 9 a.m. Easter Sunday. The messages and their texts are:

March 28 (Maundy Thursday) “Access!” Exodus 24:1–11

March 29 (Good Friday) “Agnus Dei” Exodus 12:1–13

March 31 (Easter Sunday) “Against all Odds!” Exodus 15:1–18

“Portals of Prayer” (April–June) are available today on the north buffet.

Don't throw away your “Portals of Prayer” devotion booklet after you have read it! Concordia LWML is collecting used *“Portals of Prayer”* to send to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas. This ministry distributes the devotional booklets to detainees in the El Paso Immigration Detention Center through Lutheran Prison Ministry. A marked box for the booklets is located in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room.

Time to SHINE! This year, for our participation in the LCMS—Missouri District SHINE event, our congregation will be picking up garbage along the roadway from the crossroads all the way into Frohna, and possibly doing some home clean-up projects in the community. SHINE 2024 will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 14. Lunch will be provided, along with a SHINE T-shirt. Plan to participate, as we share Jesus' love by serving our community.

Our Concordia Endowments—Saxony High School Scholastic Fund: This fund is to assist congregation members with tuition at Saxony Lutheran High School. Funding is from gifts and offerings from individuals earmarked for this fund. If you'd like to make a contribution, please speak to Todd Petzoldt, chair of the endowment committee.

We are now in the most critical time of the year to direct Thrivent Choice dollars. You can still capture everything received for 2023 that has not yet been directed. Thrivent members, please direct your CHOICE dollars by Sunday, March 31, in order to capture any remaining 2023 dollars. Don't let them go to waste! If you have questions, contact your Thrivent representative, Carol Duggan, at 573-824-6060. For an even larger impact, make a personal donation to any organization in the Thrivent Choice catalog, and Thrivent will cover all processing fees. That means 100 percent of your gift goes directly to the cause.

Continue to pray for the vacant congregations in the Altenburg Circuit: Trinity, Altenburg; Trinity, Friedheim; and Immanuel, New Wells.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Are you looking for a safe, family-oriented school where your child will be daily nurtured in the Christian faith? United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) officially opens enrollment for the 2024-25 school year March 4, 2024. If you would like information on UCLS or how to enroll, call the school office at 573-824-5218. You are also welcome to visit our classrooms 8-11 a.m. any Tuesday or Thursday in March. If these times do not fit your schedule, call the school office and other arrangements can be made. We have been blessed with an abundance of 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds, and we expect the pre-kindergarten program to fill for the 2024-25 school year. Please be aware that your enrollment, including your instructional materials fee, holds your child's place in that classroom.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Ready to be a Crusader? Enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year is now OPEN! Parents and students may contact the school office (573-204-7555) to schedule a tour of the Saxony campus and hear how to become a part of the Saxony family.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

An American Red Cross blood drive will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, April 1, in the Hanover Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 2949 Perryville Rd, Cape Girardeau. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HanoverLutheran to schedule an appointment.

The Altenburg Zone LWML Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 6, at Salem Lutheran School, Farrar. Brunch starts at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The rally begins at 9 a.m. The theme is "The Son, the Light of the World!" based on John 8:12. Glenda Olivia, formerly of Farrar, will be speaking on her mission trip experiences in Belize.

After 40 years of teaching, former CTLS faculty member Diane Miesner is retiring. You are invited to help celebrate her teaching ministry through a surprise program hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. You may share your memories through videos, emails, and/or cards. Please send videos and e-mails to retirement.preschool@gmail.com or mail a card to Diane Meisner, C/O Kristin Weber, 582 Becklee Dr., Napoleon, Ohio 43545. Please make your submissions by May 1. If you have questions, use the email address above. Thank you for helping make Diane's retirement celebration unforgettable!

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Blessed Holy Week. Hear a live Maundy Thursday service at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 28; hear special Good Friday programming on March 29 (including a Tre Ore service from 12-3 p.m.); study Isaiah 50-52 on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); and study Deuteronomy 31-33 on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." *Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Easter)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light.

Splendor the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

Bible Stories

03/25 -- M: John 18:28-40

03/26 -- Tu: John 19:1-24

03/27 -- W: John 19:25-42

03/28 -- Th: No school; Maundy Thurs.

03/29 -- F: No school; Good Friday

Bible Verse

²³And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23 (ESV)

Catechism

The Significance of Baptizing with Water: Fourth – "What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." *Romans 6:4*