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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, May 14, 2023

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## Easter Acclamation & Welcome

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn: "*The Day of Resurrection*"

LSB 478

## Invocation (*Psalms 66, 1 Peter 3, and John 14*)

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard;

**People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our foot slip.**

Pastor: Baptism now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body,

**People: but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Because I live, you shall live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,

**People: that he might bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18)**

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before the Lord and confess our sins.

*(Silence for examination and reflection)*

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God,

**People: we confess to you that we are sinful by nature; unrighteous and separated from you. We have sinned against you by our selfish thoughts, unkind words, and unloving actions. We neglect devotion to your Word, and we spurn the gifts of your Spirit. We have not kept your commandments. We have failed to show our love for you. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us. Amen.**

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus' suffering and death, he has brought us to God and declared us righteous. Because he lives, we also shall live.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn of Praise: "*Glorify the Lord with Me*" [Tune: LSB 463]

1. Glorify the Lord with me, Alleluia!  
On my lips his praise will be. Alleluia!  
Radiant we look to him, Alleluia!  
Never are we put to shame. Alleluia!
2. Taste and see; the Lord is good. Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread, Alleluia!  
Let us all exalt his name. Alleluia!  
Now and evermore the same. Alleluia!

3. Only holy, Jesus Christ, Alleluia!  
Thank you for your gift of life. Alleluia!  
Gracious Father, Holy Dove, Alleluia!  
Highest glory, deepest love. Alleluia!

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## Prayer

### First Reading: *Acts 17:16-31 (Paul in Athens)*

Lector: <sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) <sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” This is God’s Word.

**People: Praise the Lord.**

**Epistle: I Peter 3:13-22 (Be prepared to answer)**

Lector: <sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. This is God’s Word.

**People: Praise the Lord.**

**Gospel: John 14:15-21 (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit)**

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

Pastor: <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” This is the Good News.

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

**The Nicene Creed**

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

**LSB 474**

**Sermon “Living with a Clear Conscience” I Peter 3:13-22**

**Offering & Rite of Fellowship**

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

**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: Hearts and hands lifted

**People: in praises true.**

Pastor: Thank you, O Lord, our God, most good

**People: for this, our soul's most precious food.**

Pastor: It is our duty and joy to thank you, Heavenly Father, and Jesus, who is our Light. Angels in heaven, saints below, join in your praises, our honor show.

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**Sanctus**

**LSB 161**

**The Words of Institution**

**Proclamation of Christ**

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

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Peace of the Lord**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you. Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

**LSB 163**

**Distribution/Hymns**

**"What Is This Bread"**

**LSB 629**

**"Thy Strong Word"**

**LSB 578**

**"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**

**LSB 556**

**Post-Communion Canticle**

**LSB 164**

**Post-Communion Thanks**

**Blessing**

**Hymn: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**

**LSB 923**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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**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?

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**Participants in Today's Service**

Greeters:	Dennis and Diane Leimbach
Lector:	Ethan Best
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Zach Roth
Elder:	Tony Vogel
Ushers:	Carson Birk, Jason Hecht, Ethan Best, Carson Martyn
Audio/Visual Team:	Jesse Grebing, Jenny France

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**This Week's Schedule**

Tues., May 16, 2023	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Wed., May 17, 2023	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Bible Study (Job)
Thurs., May 18, 2023	Noon	Bulletin items due
<small>Ascension</small>	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation service at Concordia</i>
Fri., May 19, 2023		<i>Last day of school (early dismissal)</i>
Sat., May 20, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
Sun., May 21, 2023	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
<small>LYF Sunday</small>	After Worship	Board of Stewardship
	2 p.m.	2023 Commencement at Saxony
Sunday-Monday, May 21-29, 2023		Pastor Hoemann on vacation

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**Announcements**

**Attendance:** Worship – 129, one year ago – 148; Adult Bible Class – (No Bible Class), one year ago – 12

**As We Gather:** On this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate Jesus Christ, crucified and raised from the dead. Because he lives, we shall live, also. In our relationship with him, created by the Holy Spirit, we follow his commands of love, because he first loved us. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

**Stewardship Standard:** Jesus says in John 14:15, **“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”** He is clear: our obedience to his Word comes from our love for him. But from where does that love come? Jesus tells us that, too: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much.” (Luke 7:47) Christ shows us his love by giving us the forgiveness of our sins. This is what moves us to love him and to strive to keep God’s commandments. After all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

**Something to celebrate:** Claire (Grebing) and Rick Dunn welcomed a daughter, Ava Christine, into their family on May 5. Mom and daughter are doing great!

**Today, we continue our second monthly mission offering for 2023,** and the recipient is Lutherans for Life (LFL). Please bring your offering for LFL any Sunday in May.

**“The Voice of Missouri”** (April issue) is available on-line at <https://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Apr-Voice-2023.pdf>. You may also subscribe to **“The Voice of Missouri”** at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>.

**Save the dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023, “God’s Living Water—Covered in Jesus’ Grace,”** 8-10:30 a.m., June 19-23, at Trinity, Altenburg. Children ages 4—6<sup>th</sup> grade (completed) are invited to attend. (Children need to be 4 years old by July 31). Register online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityAltenburgMO/27251>. Volunteers, please register using the same website. Call or text Katie Miesner (573-579-4755) with any questions or for more information.

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APRIL - Per Service			APRIL 2023 Breakdown		
Offering Plate-Lent Wed	3/29/23	\$ 2,285.00	General Fund-Plate	Envelopes	\$ 27,065.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/2/23	\$ 3,143.46	General Fund-Plate	Loose Change	\$ 3,162.87
Offering Plate-Maundy Thurs	4/6/23	\$ 760.00	General Fund-Plate	Hall Remodel	\$ 1,150.00
Offering Plate-Good Friday	4/7/23	\$ 796.00	Received by Treasurer		\$ -
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/9/23	\$ 12,783.75	Endowment-Online	Capital Imprvmt	\$ 50.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/16/23	\$ 3,460.05	General Fund-Online		\$ 5,900.52
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/23/23	\$ 4,160.50	General Fund-Online	Hall Remodel	\$ 1,000.00
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/30/23	\$ 3,989.11			\$ 38,328.39
Online		\$ 6,950.52		Average per Week	\$ 8,517.42
	Total	\$ 38,328.39			To meet our 2023 budget we need around \$9,038.58 per week

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

**On the last day of school, Friday, May 19,** there will be a pancake breakfast, 6-7:30 a.m., in the gym. A free-will offering will be collected, and all proceeds go toward the 2024 Washington, D.C., trip.

**Neighboring Church & Community Notes**

**Trinity Ladies Aid will have its 2nd annual rummage sale** 12-4 p.m., Thursday, May 18; 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, May 19; and 7 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 20, in the assembly room at Trinity Lutheran School. The ladies welcome your donation of gently-used kitchen/household items, home decor, gardening items, records, books, fashion accessories (jewelry and purses), craft supplies, small plants, etc. (No clothing or electronics, please.) Bring your donations to the assembly room, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., May 17, or 8 a.m.-noon, May 18. Any questions, call or text Brenda Webb at 573-270-6748.

**Trinity, Friedheim, will celebrate its 175th anniversary** at 9 a.m., next Sunday, May 21. Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, president of the Missouri District-LCMS, will be guest preacher. A celebration luncheon will follow in the church hall, at which Dr. Hagan will present about the congregation's first pastor, Rev. Blitz, who was one of the first graduates of the Altenburg seminary. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by email to [trinitylutheranfriedheim@yahoo.com](mailto:trinitylutheranfriedheim@yahoo.com), or leave a message at 573-788-2536 today.

**The Perry County Lutheran Chorale summer concert** will be at 7 p.m., Friday, June 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 N. Frederick St., Cape Girardeau. The chorale will present familiar favorites such as *“Be Still My Soul,”* *“Now Thank We All Our God,”* and *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee,”* as well as *“Cantate Canticum Novum”* and *“Achieved.”* Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be collected in support of the chorale. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**KFUO Notes**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Revelation 2-3 on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 1 Samuel 13-16 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and questions surrounding the Augsburg Confession's authority on *Concord Matters* (at 10 a.m., this Saturday, May 20). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

**“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life**

**“This, dear friends, is why Christ’s ascension is a good ‘goodbye.’** Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, ‘Why do you stand here looking into the sky?’ You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**Weekly Devotions (Easter 7)**

**Hymn of the Week**

**LSB 493**

**“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Bible Stories**

- 05/15 -- M: Acts 1:15-26
- 05/16 -- Tu: Acts 2:1-13
- 05/17 -- W: Acts 2:14-21
- 05/18 -- Th: Acts 2:22-36
- 05/19 -- F: Acts 2:37-47

**Bible Verse**

*Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.* Revelation 2:10 (ESV)

**Catechism**

The Sacrament of the Altar – *“Who receives this Sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words ‘for you’ require all hearts to believe.”*