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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 15, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Hymn: “*Glory Be to God the Father*”

LSB 506

Opening Versicles

LSB 151

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession and Absolution (*left column*)

LSB 151

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen.

Introit

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People: 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.

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

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

Kyrie

LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Salutation

LSB 156

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

(Peter reports to the Church)

Lector: ¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’ ⁸I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. ¹¹“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

(The New Heaven and the New Earth)

Lector: ¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has

passed away.”⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”⁶ 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 water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:12-22

(Your sorrow will turn into joy.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, St. John, the 16th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

Pastor: ¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” ¹⁶Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” ¹⁷At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” ¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me?’” ²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Children’s Message

Hymn: “I’m But a Stranger Here”

LSB 748

Sermon: “Remember Where You’re Headed” Revelation 21:1-7

Rite of Fellowship

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: All praise and thanks to you, Father, for not only have you created the heavens and the earth and all things in them, but you continue to supply us with all we need for life.

People: You continue to watch over us as a father watches over his children.

Pastor: Protect us by your might.

People: Give your angels charge over us to minister to us in every need.

Pastor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End. We are thirsty for the help and healing that you alone can give.

People: Lord, refresh us always with your water of life as we remember our Baptism, that time when we were made a part of your family.

Pastor: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, sent by the Son from heaven above.

People: Spirit of God, work in and through us, so that all our activities, thoughts, and words will bring glory and honor to you, the Father and the Son.

Pastor: Gracious God, refresh those who are weary, those who are sick or recovering from surgery, and those who have experienced loss, including those we now name silently before you...

For those celebrating birthdays this week:...grant them with another year of abundant physical and spiritual blessings.

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:...we pray that these husbands will love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that these wives will respond to their husband's love with respect and honor.

Give the leaders of our nation, state, and county, including our legislators and judges, wisdom to know and do what is right, just, and fair.

People: Guide your Church, especially its pastors and lay leaders, so that your kingdom will continue to come and so that your hand of blessing will always rest on us.

Pastor: Empower our witness in the home, workplace, classroom, community, and nation. In every place and in every time, may the name of the Lord be praised.

People: In the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Preface	<i>LSB 160</i>
Sanctus	<i>LSB 161</i>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 161</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 162</i>
The Words of our Lord	<i>LSB 162</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 163</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 163</i>
Distribution/Hymns	
<i>"Your Table I Approach"</i>	<i>LSB 628</i>
<i>"This Joyful Eastertide"</i>	<i>LSB 482</i>
<i>"He's Risen, He's Risen"</i>	<i>LSB 480</i>
Thank the Lord	<i>LSB 164</i>
Post Communion Collect	
Benediction	<i>LSB 166</i>
Hymn: "Jerusalem the Golden"	<i>LSB 672</i>
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 (I 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 (I 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

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| Greeters: | Mike and Cindy Barich |
| Lector: | Whitney Hemman |
| Organist: | Janet Seibel |
| Acolyte: | Brynnly Scholl |
| Elder: | Tony Scholl |
| Ushers: | Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk,
Jason Hecht, Ethan Best |
| Audio/Visual Team: | Jeff Leible, Beth Leible |

This Week's Schedule

Today, May 15, 2022		Pastor Hoemann on vacation
	2 p.m.	Saxony Lutheran High School Graduation in Birk Gymnasium
Mon., May 16, 2022	6:30 p.m.	UCLS Band Concert
Tues., May 17, 2022	7 p.m.	UCLS Board of Education
Wed., May 18, 2022	9 a.m.	Bible Study
	7 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs., May 19, 2022	7 p.m.	UCLS 8 th Grade Graduation at Concordia
Fri., May 20, 2022		Pastor Hoemann's day off Last day of school at UCLS
Sat., May 21, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
Sun., May 22, 2022	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	After Worship	LYF NYG Bible Study

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 148, one year ago – 170; Adult Bible Class – 12, one year ago – 17

As We Gather: We are drawing near to the celebration of Pentecost, the day on which Jesus sent his Spirit as a gift to us. In today's Gospel, we hear that the Spirit is the one who guides us into all truth. The truth is that Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, our all in all. To all who are thirsty for help, healing, and restoration, he gives us the joy of drinking freely from the springs of the water of life. So, what are we encouraged to do in response to all these kindnesses? Simply this: our privilege is to praise the Lord.

Stewardship Standard: Revelation 21:1 says, **“Then 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.”** The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and his kingdom?

A special welcome to Pastor Ken Sievers, who is filling in today for Pastor Hoemann, who is on vacation this weekend. Thank you, Pastor Sievers, for serving the people of Concordia!

Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation through today, May 15. If you need pastoral care, please contact Rev. Roger Abernathy at 573-517-8756.

Today, we continue with our second monthly door offering of 2022, and the recipient is Lutherans for Life (LFL). Please bring your offering for LFL any Sunday in May.

Vacation Bible School 2022 – Children 4 years old-6th grade (completed) and volunteers can register today, May 15, online at VBSMate.com/TrinityAltenburgMo. Please consider volunteering as we are always in need of adult help! Contact Katie Miesner at 573-579-4755 with any questions.

Worship Survey: Please pick up the survey compiled by the ad hoc committee charged with creating a plan for an alternative worship style at Concordia, as stated in our strategic plan for 2022. Fill it out and give it to one of the committee members by

next Sunday, May 22. Committee members are Cheryl Honoree, chair; Sara Best; Bob Birk, elder; Beth Leible; Jeff Leible; Shannon Martin; Todd Petzoldt; Evan Schuessler; and Jim Wiencke. Thanks in advance for your input; it is important!

Something to celebrate: Our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) was recently blessed with \$412.51, the result of many in our community contributing their waste aluminum cans, including West End Tavern owner Keith LeGrand. Thanks to all who helped with this effort, our LYF has met its goal of funds needed to get to Houston for the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

<u>Per Service</u>			<u>Breakdown</u>		
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/3/2022	\$ 4,154.00	General Fund	Envelopes	\$ 23,291.00
Offering Plate-Wednesday	4/6/2022	\$ 250.00	General Fund	Loose Change	\$ 1,074.80
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/10/2022	\$ 1,644.20	General Fund	Door Offering (none)	\$ -
Offering Plate-Maundy Thursday	4/14/2022	\$ 535.00	General Fund	Received by Treasurer	\$ 6,517.66
Offering Plate-Good Friday	4/15/2022	\$ 1,774.00	General Fund	Online	\$ 6,594.52
Offering Plate-Easter	4/17/2022	\$ 11,740.85	UCLS Tuition (General)	(none)	\$ -
Offering Plate-Sunday	4/24/2022	\$ 4,307.75	Saxony (Endowment)	Offering Plate	\$ 40.00
Online		\$ 6,594.52			
	Total	\$ 31,000.32			
	Average per Week	\$ 7,750.08			

To meet our 2022 budget we need around \$8,278 per week

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

Saxony Lutheran High School is seeking to fill the position of school counselor for the 2022-2023 school year. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, and implementing the school's counseling program in a Christ-centered environment. Qualifications include a master's degree in counseling or guidance counseling and counselor certification (or eligible for certification) by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Candidates, please submit a letter of application, resume, and certification by email to amansfield@saxonylutheranhigh.org, or call 573-204-7555 for more information.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

WE NEED SHOES! The youth at St. Paul Lutheran in Jackson are hosting a Funds2Orgs Shoe Drive. The group is collecting gently worn, new, and used shoes – any size – any style. The shoes are used to set up micro-businesses in developing countries, and will also support the young people of St. Paul who will be attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering this summer. Please drop off your gently worn, new, and used shoes at the loading dock behind St. Paul Lutheran School (W Jefferson St, Jackson) today, May 15, until 12 p.m.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Acts 8-10 on *Sharper Iron's* "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8 a.m.); join us for Daily Chapel at 10 a.m.; study 1 John 5 through Jude on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.); and dig into "Augsburg Confession Article XVII: Christ's Return for Judgment" on *Concord Matters* this Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

“Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life

Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: all life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ.” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Easter 6)

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

- 05/16 -- M: Acts 24:10-23
- 05/17 -- Tu: Acts 25:1-12
- 05/18 -- W: Acts 28:11-24
- 05/19 -- Th: Acts 28:25-31
- 05/20 -- F: Philippians 4:6-9

Bible Verse

*¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer.
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.”*