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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 8, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

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Welcome

Invocation & Easter Proclamation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
(Revelation 7: 10, 12)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn: "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

LSB 822

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: We praise you, Lord Christ, as our Good Shepherd. You willingly offered your life on the cross to save us, who are your little lambs. We realize that it is because of our wanderings that it was necessary for you to sacrifice all for us. We humbly come before you, confessing our sins and awaiting your promise of forgiveness.

(Silence for examination and confession.)

Pastor: Lord, so often we have not listened to your voice as we should.

People: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Dear Christ, we have strayed from you and have been disobedient.

People: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, we have been rebellious and have turned to our own ways, following our wisdom, relying on our strength.

People: Have mercy on us. Renew, restore, and refresh us with your never-ending mercy and grace, dear Lord.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, has laid his life down for his sheep. On the cross, he sacrificed his life so that all who believe in him will not perish but have forgiveness and eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of his resurrection from the dead, I, a called and ordained servant of the risen Savior, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
(Revelation 7:12)

Hymn: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

(v. 1-UCLS students; vv. 2-3-all)

LSB 740

Prayer

(Leaders are to feed and shepherd God's flock.)

Lector: ¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. ²² And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵ "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³² "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 709

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

(Our Good Shepherd guides us to springs of living water.)

Lector: ⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne

and worshiped God,¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse (Romans 6:9; John 10:14)

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

People: I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:22-30

(The Shepherd’s flock listen to his voice.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade.²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.³⁰ I and the Father are one.” This is the Gospel of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

People: Praise to you, O Christ; your rod and your staff comfort me.

The Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

Sermon: “I See Wonderful Things” Revelation 7:9-17

Rite of Fellowship

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord of our lives and Lord of the Church, we give you thanks for the Gospel, the Good News of salvation that comes through Christ alone.

People: We thank you for sending people and pastors, like the Apostle Paul, who never held back from telling us the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, use us, too, to proclaim the message of repentance, turning to God; and having faith in our Lord Jesus.

People: Give us humility and wisdom to recognize our sin and need for salvation. Give us unwavering confidence in our Good Shepherd, who gave his life to secure our eternal inheritance.

Pastor: Good Shepherd, protect your Church from those wolves who arise and distort your truth among us.

People: Raise up leaders among us who are faithful to you and your Word of truth.

Pastor: Good Lord, shepherd and guide the leaders of our nation, state and community. We ask that they lead us in paths of righteousness, following your will.

People: Give us civil authorities who are committed to godliness, integrity, moral purity, and justice. Through them promote harmony and peace in our world.

Pastor: Bless our youth. Shepherd them through challenging times in their lives.

People: Strengthen our witness to them, so they will have strong faith in you.

Pastor: Good Shepherd, comfort those in need with your love. Lead beside quiet waters those whom we now name...

Pastor: Go with us, Lord. Give us a steadfast awareness of your presence. Bring us at last to yourself, where we will live in your house forever.

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
Revelation 7:12

+ Sacrament +

Pastor: May Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Rejoice and give thanks, for he has laid down his life for you.

People: We give him all thanks and praise.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, it is right to give you our thanks and praise...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (vv. 1 & 5)

LSB 940

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Come now and be comforted by the forgiveness, life, and salvation that is yours in our Good Shepherd.

People: Lord Jesus, thank you for spreading a table before us and assuring us that we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Distribution/Hymns

- "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* LSB 821
- "The Lord's My Shepherd"* LSB 710
- "Have No Fear, Little Flock"* LSB 735
- "Jesus, Lead Thou On"* LSB 718

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good!

People: His mercy and peace endure forever. Amen. (Psalm 118:1)

Pastor: We give you thanks for your unending kindness, O Christ.

People: For giving us strength for those dark and difficult times of life, we give you praise.

Pastor: Send us now, Lord, to live boldly for you.

People: Send us to invite others to live a life of faith in you.

Pastor: In your good name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
(Revelation 7:12)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB 680

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

Greeters:	Andy and Angie Head
Lector:	Bill Bock
Organist:	Barb Burroughs
Acolyte:	Jayci Klaus
Elder:	Rick Lorenz
Ushers:	Andrew Head, Evan Schuessler, Kent Luckey, Dalton Head
Audio/Visual Team:	Tony Vogel, Jenny France

This Week's Schedule

Mon., May 9, 2022		Pastor Hoemann's Day Off
Tues., May 10, 2022	7 p.m.	LWML Executive Board
Wed., May 11, 2022	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Tri-Circuit Meeting in Cape Girardeau
	7 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs.-Sun., May 12-15, 2022		Pastor Hoemann on Vacation
Sun., May 15, 2022		(No Bible Class)
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

Announcements

Attendance: Worship – 116, one year ago – 99; Adult Bible Class – 16, one year ago – (No Bible Class)

As We Gather: Welcome to worship at Concordia! One of the most comforting truths of God's Word is that our God knows his kids by name. That is how significant you are to him. Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear Jesus identify himself as such. We are his sheep, and he knows us well. As the wolf tries to steal the sheep from the flock, so the devil uses the cares and difficulties of life to try to steal us from the Good

Shepherd. However, not only does our Shepherd know our names, he also assures us that we are held in his strong hands.

Stewardship Standard: Jesus says in John 10:27, **“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”** On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where he leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

Please remember those who cannot worship with us regularly in your thoughts and prayers – Tillie Luckey and Flora Oberndorfer.

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.

Pastor Hoemann will be on vacation May 12-15. If you need pastoral care during those days, please contact Rev. Roger Abernathy at 573-517-8756. Rev. Ken Sievers of St. Louis will be the guest pastor at Concordia next Sunday, May 15. Please welcome him!

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 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!

Vacation Bible School 2022 – Children 4 years old-6th grade (completed) and volunteers can register now until next Sunday, 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.

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on April 21 are still available today on the south buffet.

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; counselor certification or eligible for certification by 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.

For news from Saxony Lutheran High School, and information on upcoming events, please see the Saxony newsletter. A copy of the most recent issue can be viewed by visiting Saxony’s website, saxonylutheranhigh.org, and selecting “May 2022 Newsletter”. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board in Concordia’s narthex.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A “Just Breathe” Benefit Bake Sale and Side-by-Side/Jeep Ride for Jen Lorenz will be this Saturday, May 14. The bake sale will be from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (prior to the

side-by-side/Jeep ride) at the East Perry Community Fairgrounds. Baked items from the Salem ladies will include coffeecake, cinnamon rolls, and more. The side-by-side/Jeep ride will start at the fairgrounds. The cost will be \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (ages 10-16). Registration will begin at 11 a.m. The ride will start at approximately 12 p.m. Stops will include The Bayou, West End, Hemman Winery, the 76 Conservation Area, and back to the fairgrounds. All roads will be paved, with the exception of a short distance on D Road to the 76 Conservation Area. Attendance prizes and a 50/50 drawing will take place at Hemman Winery. All proceeds will go to Jennifer Lorenz, a single mom of two teenage boys (Justin and Chance), in need of a double lung transplant. Jennifer is the daughter of Rick (Pinky) and Patty Lorenz and the sister of Melissa Vincent, Ashley Labbe, and Dustin Lorenz.

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) this Saturday, May 14, or next Sunday, May 15, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

KFUO Notes

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Acts 6-8 on *Sharper Iron's* "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8 a.m.); dig into 1 John 2-4 on *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11 a.m.); and study "Free Will" in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on *Concord Matters* this Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life

"Remember, it is your indispensable hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!" *Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Devotions (Easter 5)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”

This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,

Has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was
slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

Bible Stories

05/09 -- M: Acts 21:17-26

05/10 -- Tu: Acts 21:27-36

05/11 -- W: Acts 21:37-22:1, 23-27

05/12 -- Th: Acts 22:30, 23:1-30

05/13 -- F: Acts 24:1-6, 8-9

Bible Verse

¹⁶*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?*

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV)

Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar – “*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*” These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?* Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”