

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”
-Psalm 98:1a

AS WE GATHER



Jesus does it all for us! The Sundays in Lent, the most reflective and penitential season of the Church Year, still reflect the glory and the truth of the resurrection promise of Easter. Jesus has overcome sin, death, and the devil. He successfully dealt with the temptations of Satan—a major accomplishment that signals greater things yet to come. We joyfully celebrate our Lord’s victory.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

↓ CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS

↑ OPENING HYMN #421

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

+ **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING TWO** +
(Hymnal, p. 167)

↑ INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **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

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

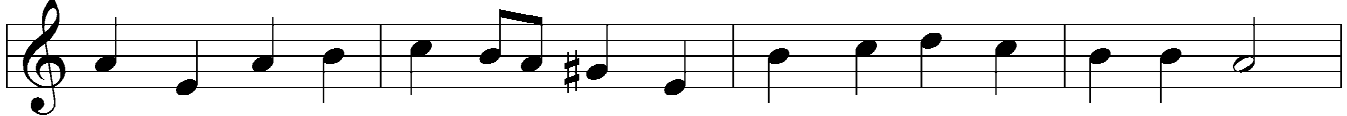
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

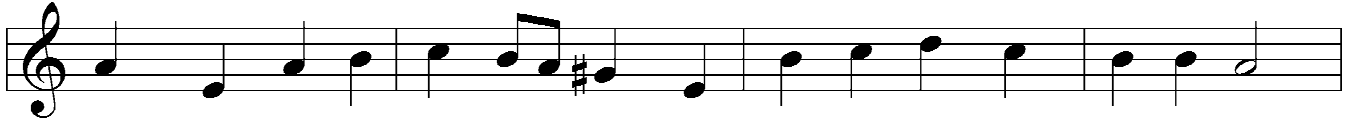
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

↑ **LENTEN HYMN** *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

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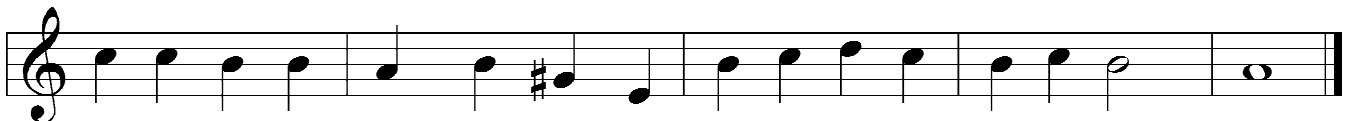
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, Your Son was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who, because of our weaknesses, are assaulted by many temptations. Give each one of us strength and victory through Jesus Christ the Conqueror, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[↓ **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 3:1–21

(The disastrous fall of mankind into sin)

R: The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, chapter three.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **EPISTLE** Romans 5:12–19

(The life-giving work of Christ is for our justification.)

R: The Epistle reading is from Romans, chapter five.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ **LENTEN VERSE**



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

↑ **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 4:1–11

(Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit.)

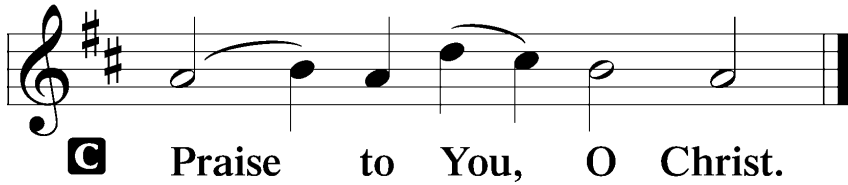
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



↑ **CATECHISM** Sacrament of the Altar

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: Where is this written?

C: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

We invite the children forward as we sing: LSB #588, v. 1

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

↓ **CHILDREN’S TALK**

↓ **SERMON HYMN** #424 *“O Christ, You Walked the Road”*

↓ **SERMON** Text: Matthew 4:1-12

Title: "Looking for a Scapegoat"

↓ **TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS**

[Please take a moment and sign the attendance book at the end of the pew]

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↑ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: As we begin our Lenten journey, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Assure us that You are with us in the wildernesses of life, and spare us from the assaults of the evil one. Support us through the counsel and comfort of those in the household of faith. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Grant us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments, making us perfect in love and in all good works, not testing You, but living out Your gracious commands. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office or discharge responsibility in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. We pray for officers of congregations and all those who serve in groups and on committees and individually, where the tasks completed are often visible only to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead safe and peaceable lives. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve their people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your blessing be on the schools of the Church and all seminaries, colleges, universities, and centers of research, and on those who teach and work in them. Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service, that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers may be offered here.)

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



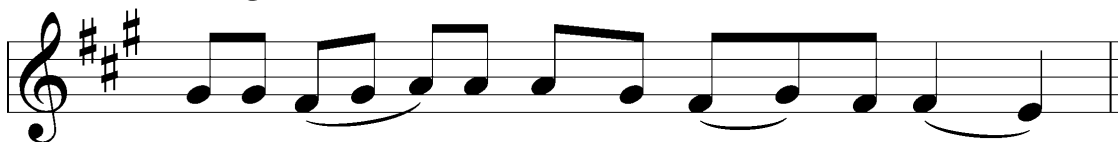
☐ And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



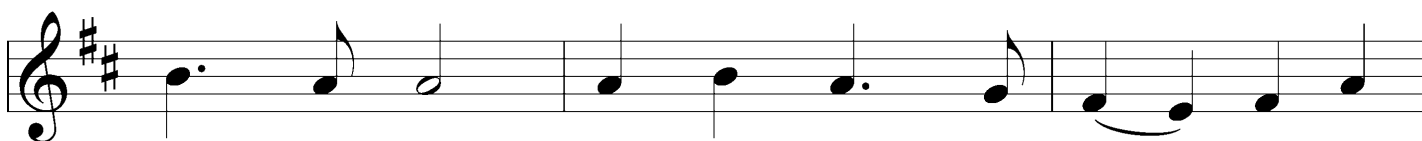
☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

↑ PROPER PREFACE

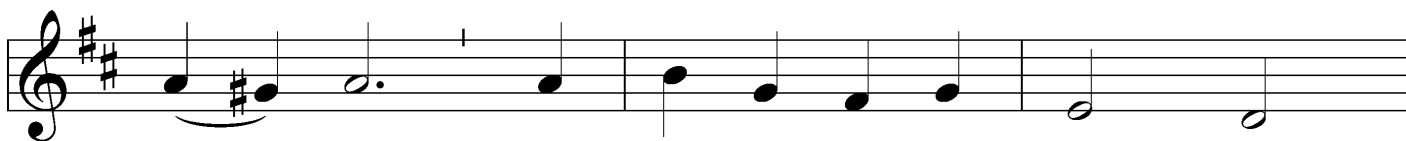
↑ SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

↑ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

↑ PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

↑ AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION INVITATION



Baptized persons instructed regarding this Holy Meal, who sincerely repent of their sinful nature and sinful behavior, and wish to experience once again the forgiveness of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and truly believe that Jesus Christ is present in, with, and under the elements of Holy Communion, and are prepared to submit their lives and will to Jesus Christ as Savior are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those who have not yet been instructed may come forward to receive a blessing.

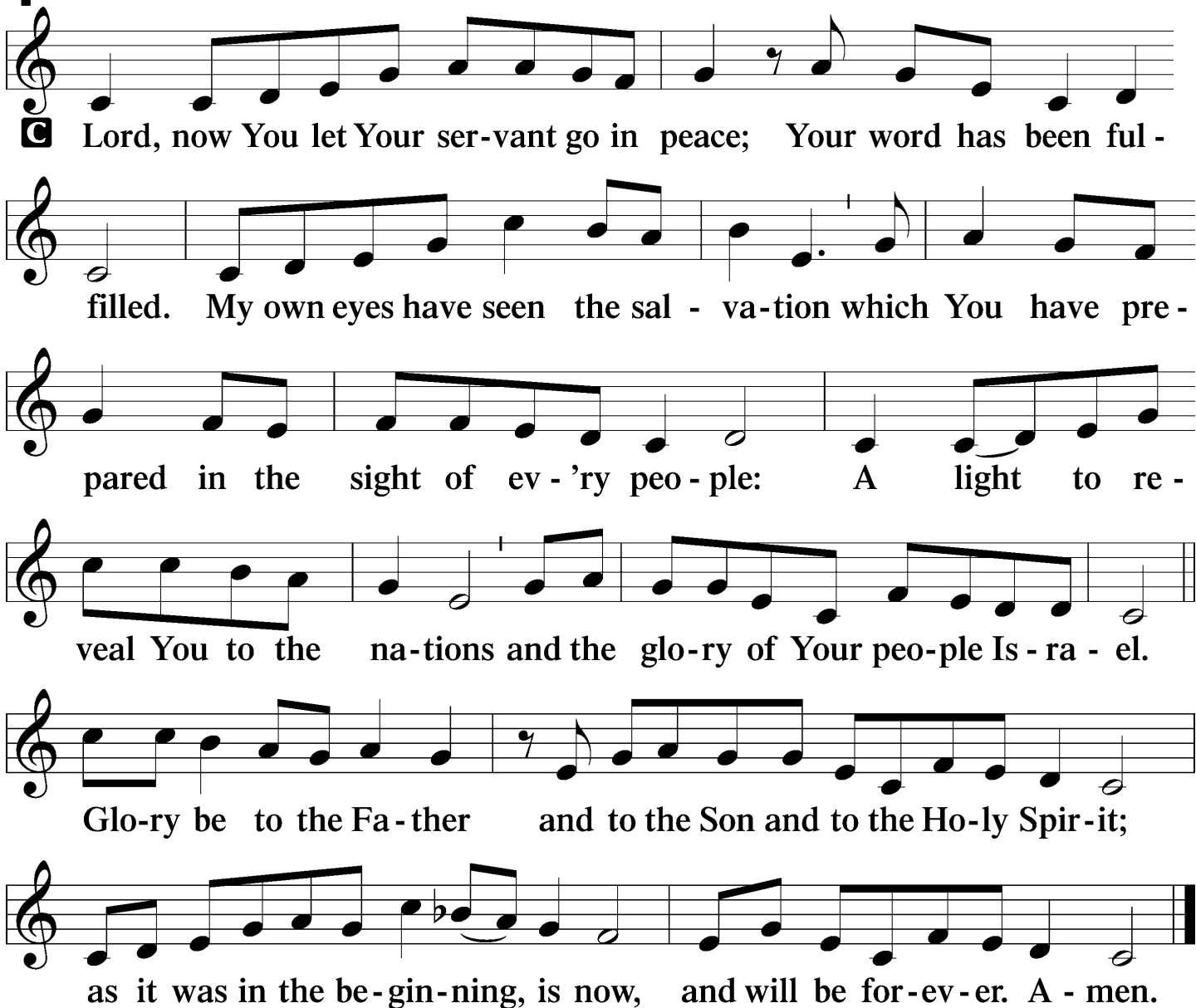
↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#655 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

#663 *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

#664 *“Fight the Good Fight”*

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

↑ POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the

true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

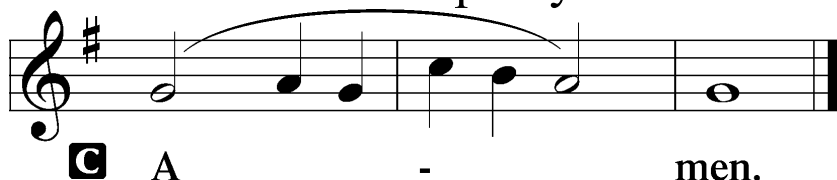
C: Amen.

↑ BENEDICTION

P: 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.



↑ CLOSING HYMN #657 “A Mighty Fortress”

↑ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 13-14)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

(2 Timothy 3:6)

↑ MISSION HYMN (*sung together*)

Lift high the Cross, the Love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:

Officiants	Rev. Emil Gretarsson
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Guy Meiron
Usher	Ed Asper/TBD
Acolyte, 8:00	Erin Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Chase Baker
Lector, 8:00	Don Rudow
Lector, 11:00	Betty Amt
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flicek
Greeters, 11:00	Cheryl Dawson
Nursery	Brenda Meiron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com

Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

This week: - Monday – MD Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

(Shives home)

- Wednesday - Soup & Sandwich Supper, 5:45 p.m.
- Lenten Midweek Worship, 7:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Class, 8:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday – Lay Ministry Mtg., 10:00 a.m.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDIES , 9:30 a.m. (in the fellowship hall)

NEW MEMBER CLASS next week, 3/12, 3-5 pm. Join us!

TODAY - OPEN ARMS will have an open house 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Invite your family and friends.

Our “Mission of the Month” for March SED Sandtown Project.

More info to come.

MICAH’S BACKPACK – is in DESPERATE need of lunch items, such as tuna fish, peanut butter & crackers, soup, vegetables in small cans, mac & cheese, individual fruit in juice. Light weight items are preferable Please continue to think of these children as you feed your own children and grandchildren each week. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry!

EASTER LILIES – Order forms have been placed in mailboxes for Easter lilies. The cost is \$9.80 and final count is due March 12. Place order form with payment in basket in the office.

MARK YOU CALENDARS – March 16 - Open Arms Preschool will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. More info to come.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Request forms to have a prayer shawl made for you or a loved one are on the bulletin board to the left of the mailboxes. Please complete the form and put it in Jane O’Farrell’s mailbox. If anyone would like to share their talent of knitting or crocheting for this ministry please contact one of the members: Jane O’Farrell, Stephanie Gore, Cheryl Dawson.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES: Anyone interested in using church offering envelopes (old and new members alike), please see or call Mitzie Bowman 301-733-3234.800-5687.

Call for instrumentalists! Concordia would love to have instrumentalists add to our holiday celebrations, accompany the choir or add to our services on special occasions, and our new praise service. If you think you'd like to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Pastor Emil or Kathy Schleef at 717-401-0474/ksschleef@prodigy.net. Eagerly anticipating your calls!

Church Library News: The Church library has a link on Concordia's Church Website (Our Library) and now under that link has the main library catalogue divided under four headings; PreK-Kindergarten, Children/Youth, Adult Fiction and Adult Non Fiction.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – LUTHERAN COALITION: Don't forget! We continue to collect funds to help serve the poorest of the poor in Haiti. \$2 per week from all our member families would mean \$10,000 to help alleviate their tremendous suffering.

Close Encounters – The God Kind

Lent is a season that encourages a more intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move through this period of reflection and repentance, He brings us through death to new life. We walk with Christ as He endures great suffering on our behalf and conquers the grave on Easter. As we do, He changes us. He helps us see things we've never seen before. He helps shape us more into the people He desires us to be.

This Lent, join us as we more closely examine the encounters others have with Jesus in the Scriptures. Each Wednesday will include a first-person narrative sermon from an eyewitness to the events of our Scripture readings. By walking in their shoes, we pray their transformative experiences will help to transform us all.

Lenten Midweek 1 – March 8, 7 pm. – The Call of Matthew

Lenten Midweek 2 – March 15, 7 pm – Jesus Feeds 5000

Lenten Midweek 3 – March 22, 7 pm – Jairus's Daughter is Raised

Lenten Midweek 4 – March 29, 7 pm – Jesus Walks on Water

Lenten Midweek 5 – April 5, 7pm – Jesus Heals Malchus' Ear