

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOST. FOUND. FORMED. FOR SERVICE.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
March 12, 2017

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



AS WE GATHER

In hearing about Abraham from the early history of God’s people, we receive more than a history lesson. Abraham is a strong example of faith at work. Faith takes God at His word and believes His promises. Through the invocation at the beginning of our worship, we set ourselves before the God who keeps His promises. One of those promises is to hear our prayers and praises. Such a great promise that is!

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

↓ CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS

↑ OPENING HYMN #819, vs. 1-4

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

+ 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.

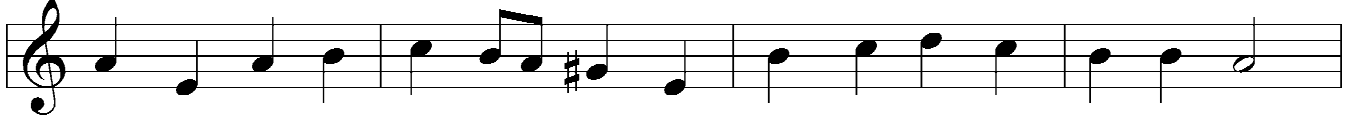
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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

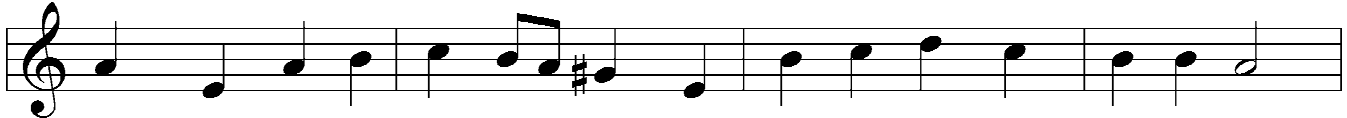
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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

LSB 422



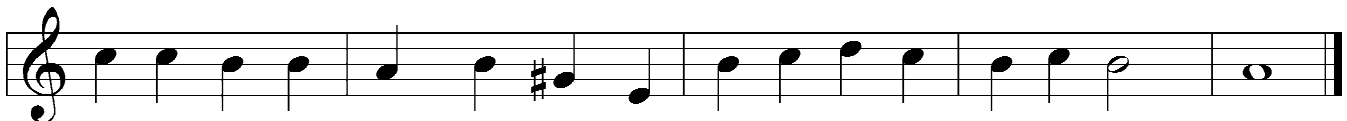
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



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.

O God, we give You glory because Your mercy does not change. Be gracious to all who have gone astray and turned to their own ways, and bring them again with repentant hearts and steadfast faith to embrace the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↓ **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 12:1–9

(The promise of God is made to Abram.)

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

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ **EPISTLE** Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

(The faith of Abraham, who believed God)

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

(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** John 3:1–17

(Jesus teaches Nicodemus by night on being born again.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

↑CATECHISM Sacrament of the Altar

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: 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.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: 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.”

We invite the children forward as we sing: LSB #735, v. 1

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear little flock!**

↓ CHILDREN’S TALK

↓SERMON HYMN #708 *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

↓ SERMON Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Title: “Loco – Motion”

↓ 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. We beg You, O Lord,

C: hear us for Your mercy's sake.

P: We pray for all nations of the earth that in all places there may be peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been upset and strife. We pray for our own nation that it may know safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. We beg You, O Lord,

C: hear us for Your mercy's sake.

P: We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. We beg You, O Lord,

C: hear us for Your mercy's sake.

P: We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes, [*including . . .*]. We beg You, O Lord,

C: hear us for Your mercy's sake.

P: In this time of prayer, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and now rest from their labors. Lord, inspire us by the witness of the faithful from all generations, that we may complete our earthly journeys with confidence in Your gracious promises as they did in their lifetimes. We beg You, O Lord,

C: hear us for Your mercy's sake.

(Additional prayers may be offered here.)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

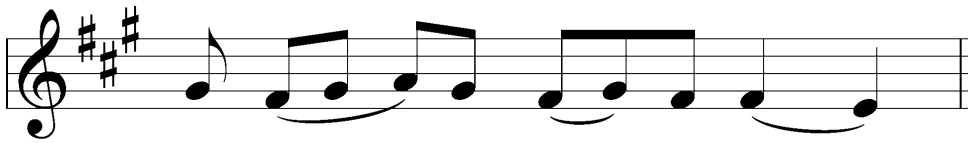
↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



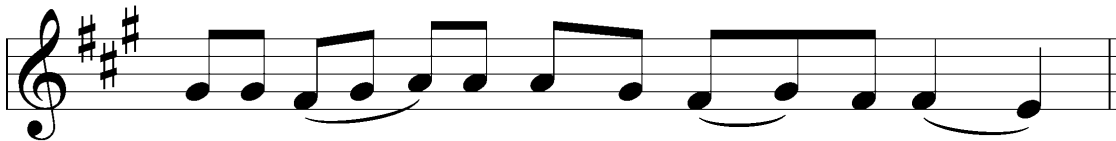
C And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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



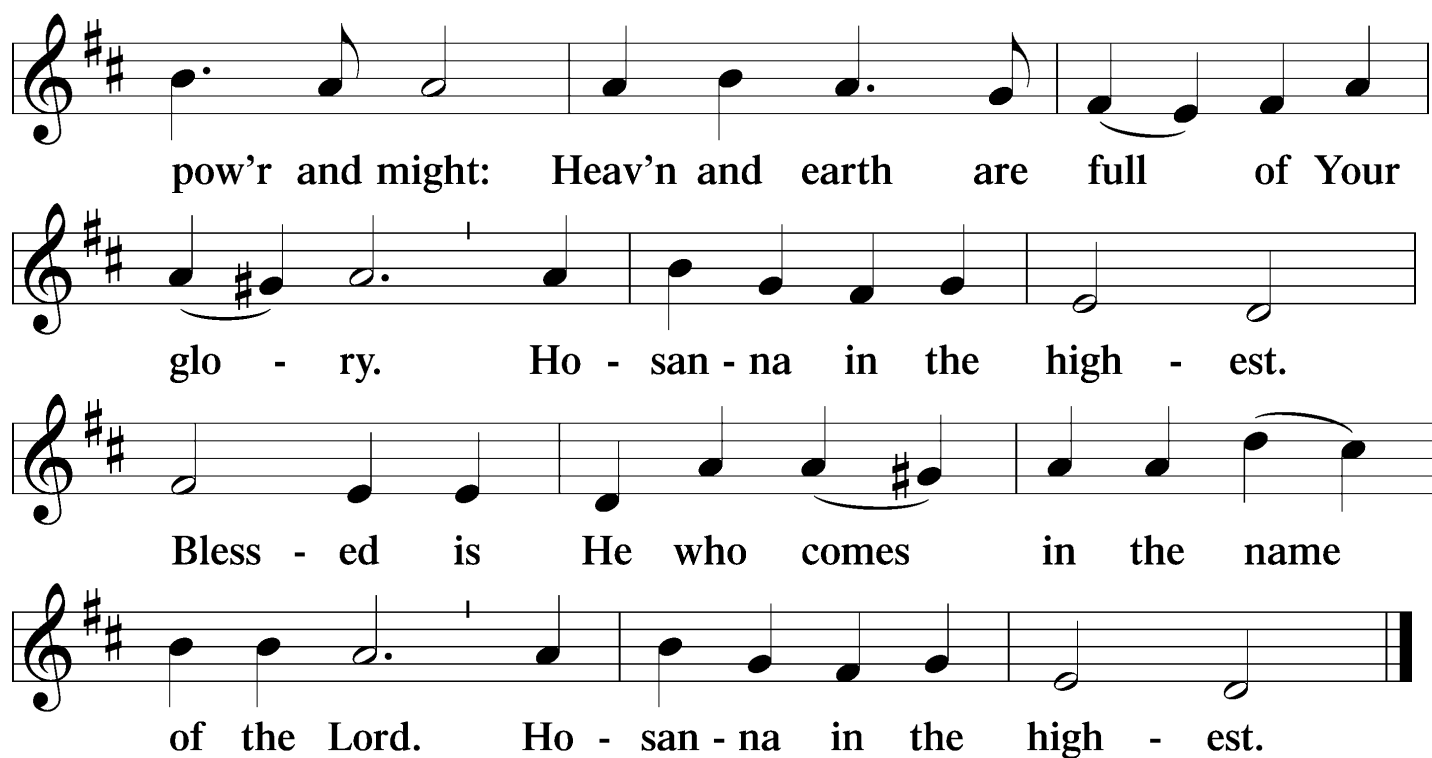
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

↑ PROPER PREFACE

↑ SANCTUS



C 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



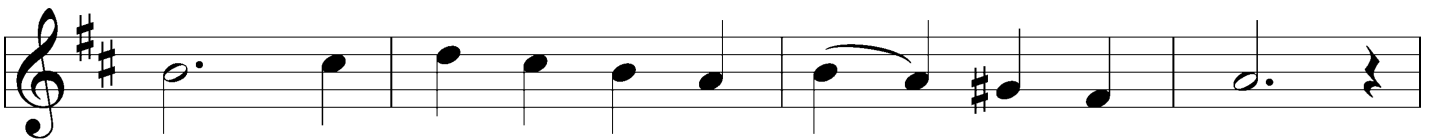
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



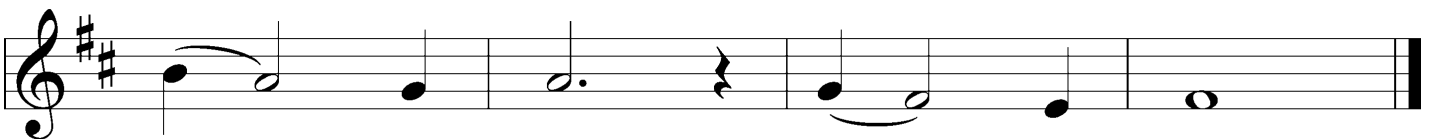
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



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

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to 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 trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are unclear on what all this means, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

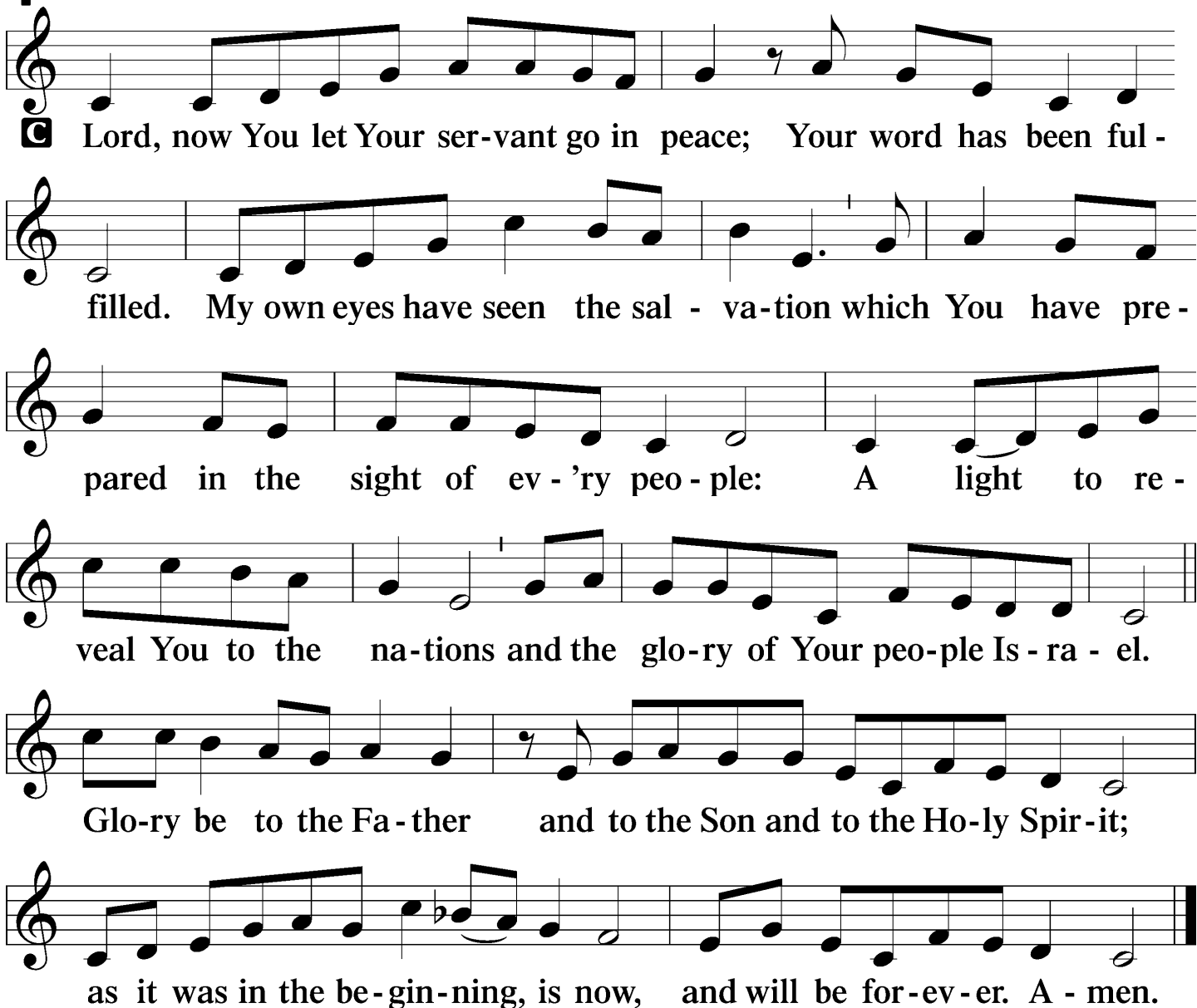
↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#722 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

#596 *“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*

#623 *“Lord, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”*

↑ 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.

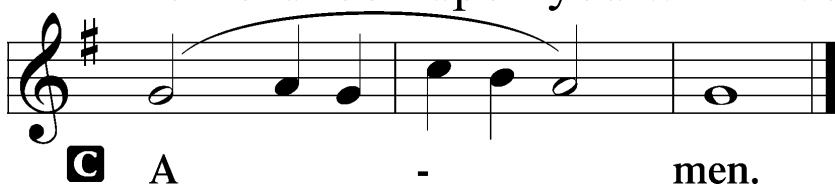
C: Amen.

↑ 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 #918

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

↑ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 13-15)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

(Romans 4:3)

↑ **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. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/TBD
Acolyte, 8:00	Tim Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Adam Brown
Lector, 8:00	Bill Garrison
Lector, 11:00	Brenda Ellis
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Garrison
Greeters, 11:00	Brown
Nursery	Bernie Davidson

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flicek.

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 – WV Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

(Tichnell home)

- PA Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

(Roeder 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 – Planning Council Mtg., 7:00 a.m.

THURSDAY – 2nd Annual Open Arms spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a bake sale and a silent auction.

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

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

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 – TODAY is the last day to order. Place order form with payment in basket in the office.

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