

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

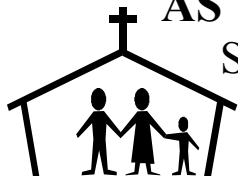
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 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



So it all comes down to this. “It all” is the history of our Lord’s incarnation, birth, preaching, teaching, healing, calling disciples, and now, “to this”—Jesus coming to His goal in Jerusalem. This Sunday is so full of meaning that it cannot even be succinctly summarized. The meaning of it all unfolds before us as we spend an entire week, cheering the King at His triumphal entry, then gathering with Him in the suspenseful quiet of the Upper Room, then the garden, then His arrest, then the trials, and ultimately the cheers turn into jeers and He reaches His goal in Jerusalem. He dies. Only knowing who Jesus really is and the reason for His death, only in knowing the purpose of God’s Law can we discover the joy of the Gospel, the good news of the forgiveness of our sins, new birth and new life—eternal life! That spiritual knowledge gives us the stamina to endure this week and the rest of our lives.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

[P: Pastor] [C: Congregation]

↓ CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS

↑ OPENING HYMN #442, vs. 1-4
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE +
 (Hymnal, p. 151)

↑ 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.**

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

↑ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

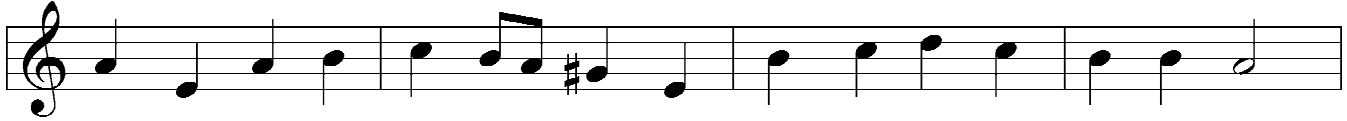
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.**

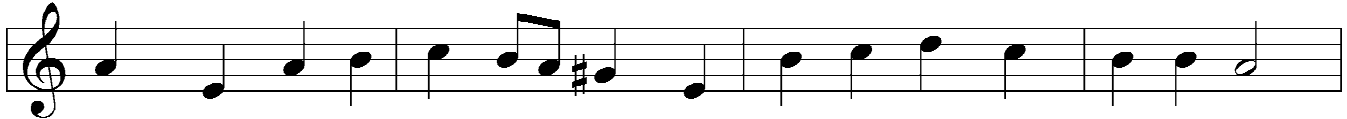
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

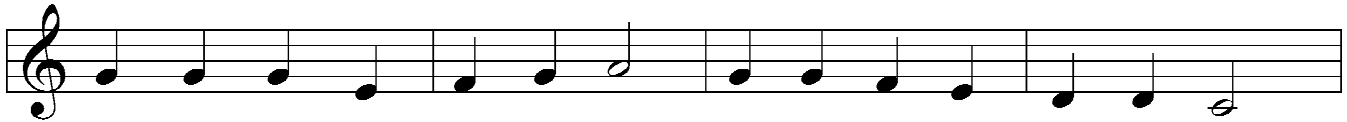
↑ **LENTEN HYMN** *On My Heart Imprint Your Image* *LSB 422*



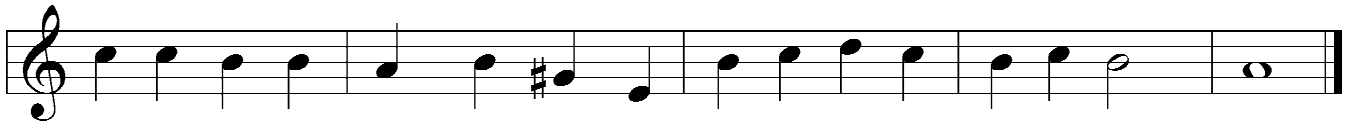
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



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.

Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4–9a

(The servant's obedience)

R: The First reading is from Isaiah, chapter fifty.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5–11

(Christ's example of humility)

R: The Epistle reading is from Philippians, chapter two.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ LENTEN VERSE

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 12:12–19

(The triumphal entry)

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

↑APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

We invite the children forward as we sing: LSB #861, v.3

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

↓ CHILDREN’S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #423 “*Jesus, refuge of the Weary*”

↓ SERMON Text: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Title: “*A Word for the Weary*”

↓ 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 Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we may be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world, especially on this day, to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith, with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors, that they may give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give Your grace and forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for the peace, justice, defense, and liberty of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need, [*especially* . . .]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served
 You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors
 [*silence for remembrance*]. Keep us in fellowship with all
 Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly
 kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

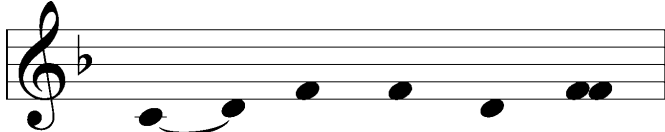
(Additional prayers may be offered here.)

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

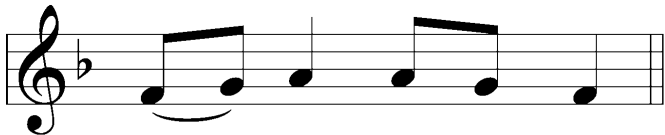
C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE



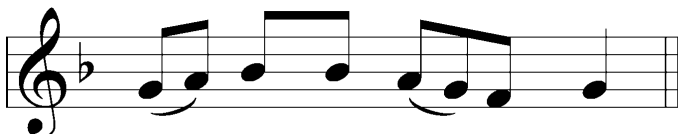
P The Lord be with you.



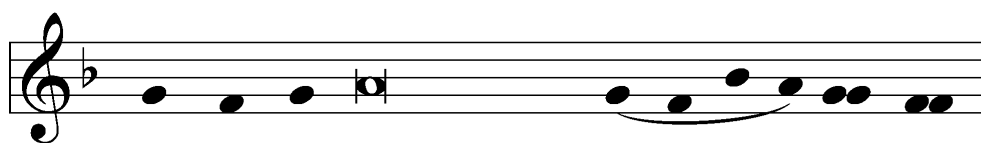
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



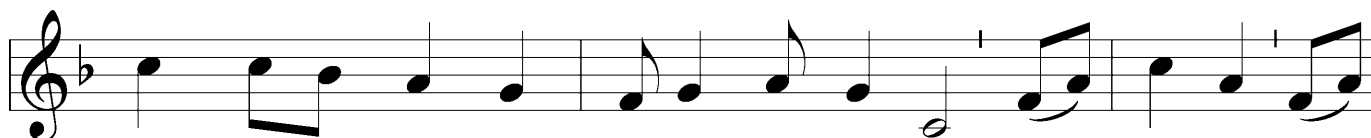
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

↑ PROPER PREFACE

↑ SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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*

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

↑LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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.

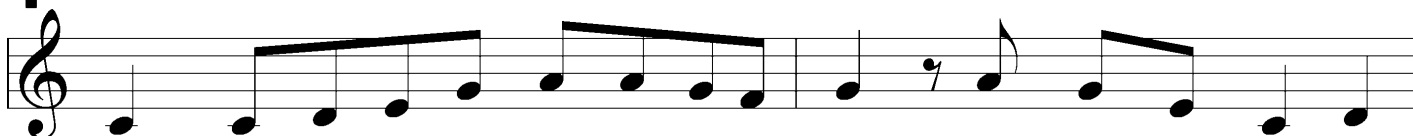
↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#426 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

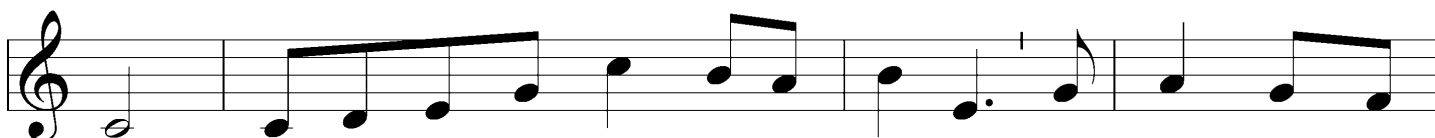
#438 *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*

#527 *“O Savior, Precious Savior”*

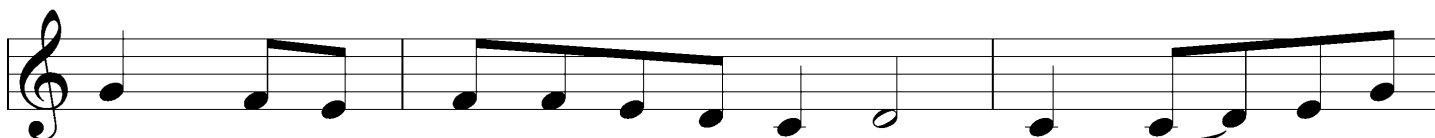
↑ NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre-



pared 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 A - men.

↑ 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.

C A - men.

↑ CLOSING HYMN #444

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 14-15)

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not
be put to shame.
(Isaiah 50:7)**

↑ 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. Bill Pekari
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/Hugh McSweyn
Acolyte, 8:00	TBD
Acolyte, 11:00	TBD
Lector, 8:00	Millie Bucher
Lector, 11:00	Chip Brown
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Vince Fertitta
Greeters, 11:00	Mr. & Mrs. Buck Nordyke
Nursery	Brenda Meiron

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Rudow family.

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** - PA Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
(home TBD)
 - WV Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
(Tichnell home)
 - **Wednesday** – Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday** – Maundy Thursday Communion Service,
7:00 p.m.
 - **Friday** – Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.
 - **Saturday** – Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

EASTER BREAKFAST – April 16 - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship hall.

MARK YOU CALENDARS - Farewell Open House in honor of the Gretarssons on Saturday, April 22nd in the Outreach Center from 2-4 p.m.

For those attending the open house for the Gretarsson's on April 22, please park in the upper parking lots. There is an activity in the Fellowship hall and lower parking lots the same day.

Our “Mission of the Month” for April is Orphan Grain Train. 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.