

# **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

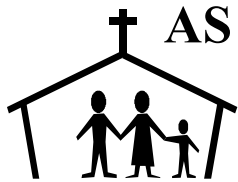
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## **LOST. FOUND. FORMED. FOR SERVICE.**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 23, 2017

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



#### **AS WE GATHER**

On Easter evening and again the

following Sunday, because the disciples saw Jesus alive, they knew the resurrection was real, and they believed in Him. They were then able to witness to their faith in spite of opposition and persecution from the Jewish council. Though grieved by various trials, it was the “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:3) that enabled the Early Church to rejoice. The reality of the resurrection becomes evident to people around us as we live out our faith, confessing Jesus as Lord and offering peace and forgiveness in His name. As they come to faith, they join us and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

**↓ means to be seated**

**↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult**

[P: Pastor] [C: Congregation]

**PRELUDE    Choir Selection**

**↓ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**↑ PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**↑ OPENING HYMN    #480, vs. 1, 4, 5**

*“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

## ↑ EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Christ is the source of eternal life.

**C: Because He lives, we too shall live!**

P: And the joy of Christ's resurrection renews our lives even now.

**C: We are all new creations with a new beginning!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## ↑ CONFESSIO and ABSOLUTION

P: Even in this joyous Easter season, let us turn to the risen Lord and confess our sin.

**C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

**C: We have failed to live in ways that show forth the power of the resurrection.**

P: We have lost the zeal of the women who first proclaimed the resurrection.

**C: Forgive us, Lord. Turn us from our sin to live in the power and hope of the resurrection each day**

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

## ↑ ABSOLUTION

P: By His suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by His rising has destroyed the power of death. As a called and ordained servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus 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. Our Risen Lord has taken away your sins! God forgives you. You are forgiven!

**C: We are forgiven indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

# ↑HYMN OF PRAISE



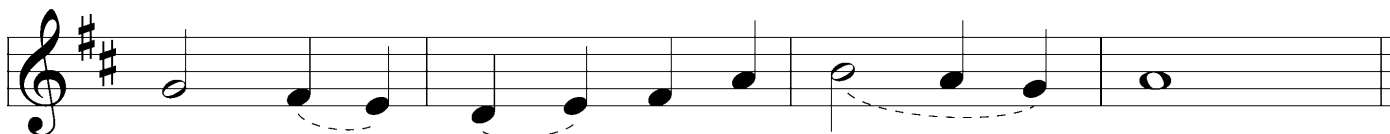
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



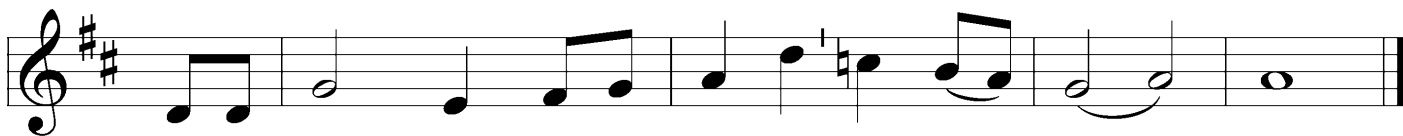
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ↑ COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**ALL: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↓ FIRST READING Acts 5:29–42

*(The apostles preach boldly in the face of opposition.)*

R: The First reading is from Acts, chapter five.

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:3–9

*(Rejoice in your faith as it is tested.)*

R: The Epistle reading is from 1 Peter, chapter one.

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ↑ ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ↑ HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19–31

*(Thomas needed to see Jesus to believe.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*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 #461, v. 5*

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

## ↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #710 *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

↓ SERMON Text: John 20:19-31  
Title: "The Last Word"

## ↓ 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: Christ has risen from the dead; death has no dominion over Him.

Let us pray for ourselves, the Church, and the world, that the resurrection have an impact on the lives of people everywhere.

For ourselves and our community, that our heavenly Father would provide us with the peace and security we need so that our leaders may govern, the arts may flourish, our children may grow in knowledge and wisdom, our congregation may increase in faith and numbers, and we all may work together for the common good; and that He would raise up calm and courageous people to keep order in our society and defend our nation from enemies of all kinds, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear our prayer, risen Lord, and strengthen us to witness our Easter faith.**

P: For the Church around the world, especially wherever it is enduring opposition and persecution as experienced in apostolic times, that the Lord of the Church would protect and guide it so that the Gospel may be proclaimed; and that He would sustain all who are unjustly imprisoned, denied human dignity, or exiled from their homes, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear our prayer, risen Lord, and strengthen us to witness our Easter faith.**

P: For people in positions of power and influence in the nations of the world, that like Gamaliel the Lord would use them to open the eyes of both leaders and citizens to the reality of God's rule over all earthly powers and kingdoms; and that He would lead them to work for justice within their lands and peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear our prayer, risen Lord, and strengthen us to witness our Easter faith.**

P: For all who, like the disciples on Easter evening, are dealing with fear, all who face this day in any emotional distress, all enduring chronic ills or sudden health crises, or any in mourning, [*including . . .*], that the Holy Spirit would visit, relieve, strengthen, and console them in their various needs; and that our heavenly Father would work through health care

professionals, counselors, and emergency workers to restore them to peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear our prayer, risen Lord, and strengthen us to witness our Easter faith.**

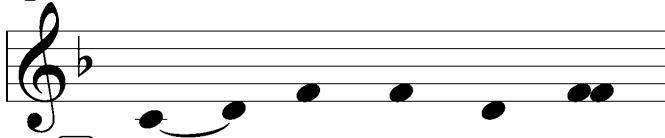
[Additional petitions may be inserted here.]

P: These and any other things You would have us ask, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray.

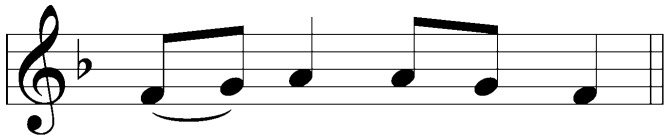
**C: Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**↑ PREFACE**



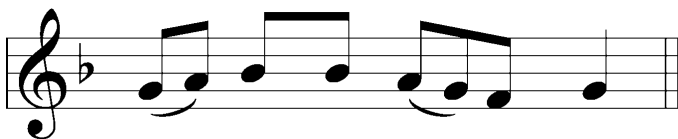
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

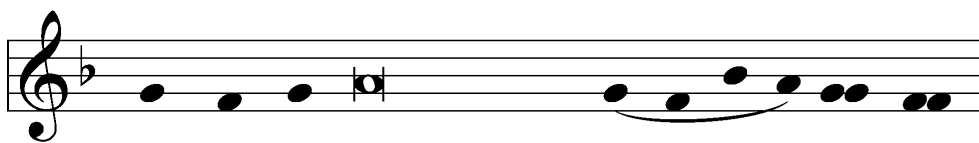


**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.





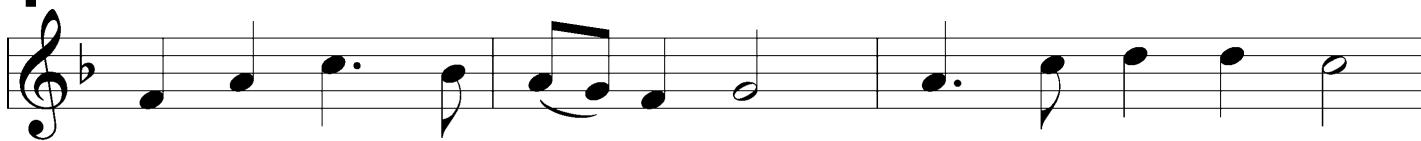
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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.

## ↑ 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.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## ↑LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold 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.



## 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

#733 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#672 “Jerusalem the Golden”

#711 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

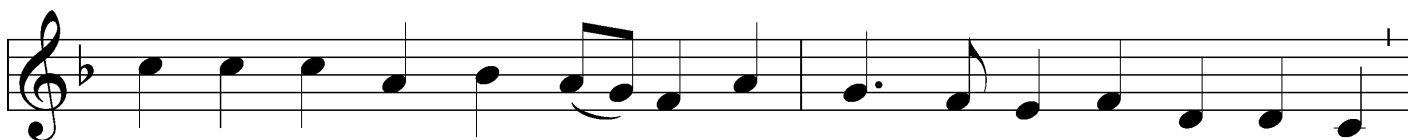
## ↑ POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thank the Lord...*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### ↑POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Our dear heavenly Father, You raised Your beloved Son as the first-fruit of Your new creation. By this heavenly food of forgiveness and new life, form us to be Your people in the world so that we may bear the fruit of Your new creation now in this life and eternally with Christ and the whole company of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

### ↑THE BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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: Amen.**

↑ **CLOSING HYMN** #829, vs. 1-4 “*Christ the Eternal Lord*”

↑ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (p.13-15)

↑ **Choir Selection**

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

**On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
(John 20:19)**

### ↑ **EASTER HYMN** *(sung together)*

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives. He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living head.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:**

Officiant	Pastor Emil Gretarsson
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Guy Meiron, Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/Hugh McSweyn
Acolyte, 8:00	Erin Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Adam Brown
Lector, 8:00	Larry Hector
Lector, 11:00	Ron Golem
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Garrison
Greeters, 11:00	Cheryl Dawson
Nursery	Brenda Meiron

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]**

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### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

**Church: [concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com](mailto:concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com)**

**Open Arms: [openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com](mailto:openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com)**

**This week: - Monday - PA Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
(Schleef home)  
- WV Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
(Tichnell home)  
- Wednesday – LifeLight Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.  
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.  
- Thursday – Bd. Of Education Mtg., 7:00 p.m.**

**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.**

**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.**