

# **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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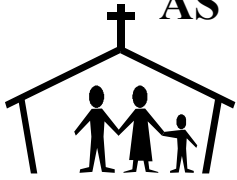
## **LOST. FOUND. FORMED. FOR SERVICE.**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 7, 2017

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

#### **AS WE GATHER**



The Twenty-Third Psalm is echoed in readings, hymns, and responses today, Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear our Shepherd only because of His grace. He wants us in spite of our sins; thus, as David writes, “I shall not want.” Our Lord is not only the Shepherd; in the Gospel, Jesus likens Himself to the door, the only entrance to the sheepfold. Inside, we may have “life and have it abundantly.” Under God’s protection, the Early Church flourished, as Luke reports in Acts. And when some Christians strayed, their faith led them back to their Shepherd, as Peter writes in the Epistle. We gather again, wanting nothing except to hear our Shepherd.

**↓ means to be seated**

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

**[P: Pastor C: Congregation]**

#### **PRELUDE**

**↓ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**↑ OPENING HYMN #710**

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*

+ **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING FIVE** +

↑ **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

↑ **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# ↑HYMN OF PRAISE



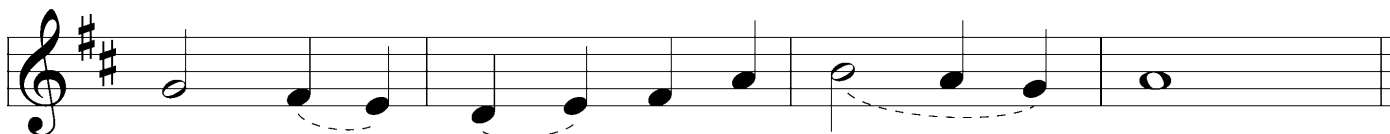
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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 -



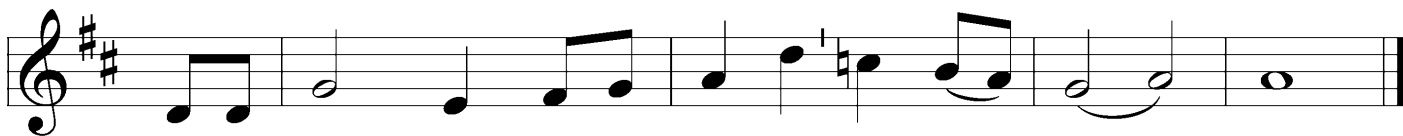
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

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.

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↓ FIRST READING Acts 2:42–47

*(The Early Church grows.)*

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

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:19–25

*(You have been healed by your Shepherd's wounds.)*

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

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ↑ VERSE

**ALL: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

**↑HOLY GOSPEL**    *John 10:1–10*

(The sheep know their Shepherd's voice.)

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

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **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 524, v. 4*

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.**

## ↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #735 *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

↓ SERMON Rev. Bill Pekari

Text: John 10:1-10

Title: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

## ↓ 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 to God Almighty for people everywhere in their various needs, for the Church around the world, for all who are near and dear to us, and for ourselves.

The Lord is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not want.**

P: We pray, O Lord, that wherever people are calling out to You, wanting for food, clothing, or shelter, that You will awaken in us and in government and social agencies care and compassion. Thus may the blessings You have showered on this planet be shared with them, bringing You all the praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

P: Sovereign God, we pray for all people who are suffering under the ravages of war between nations, civil unrest and revolution, and terror from extremists of all stripes. Raise up leaders who will work for peace and justice and will seek ways of reconciliation. Move government leaders to look in empathy on all who are denied basic human rights; lead them to make decisions to restore calm and human dignity for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: He leads me in paths of righteousness

**C: for His name's sake.**

P: O Holy Spirit, who uses Word and Sacrament to work faith in the hearts of all believers, we pray for the Church here and around the world. Grant opportunity for clergy and lay leaders to proclaim the Gospel, strengthening those who trust in Christ and leading many to their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

**C: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P: Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray for those we know who are calling out to You for healing of body or mind, who face this day with sudden crises, are enduring long term ill, or are looking through tears of sorrow, [*including . . .*]and those we now name in our hearts. Grant them days of health, relief, and comfort as You accompany them on their journey. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: Heavenly Father, grant strong faith to us and all who come to the Lord's Supper this day. Bestow on us the blessings of life and salvation that flow from our Savior's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

[Additional prayers may be offered here.]

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

**C: Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### ↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

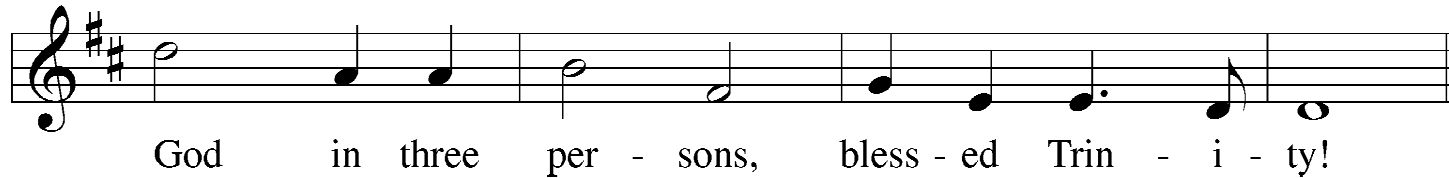
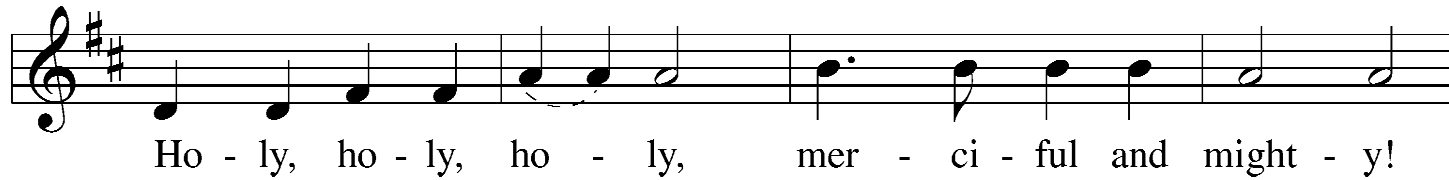
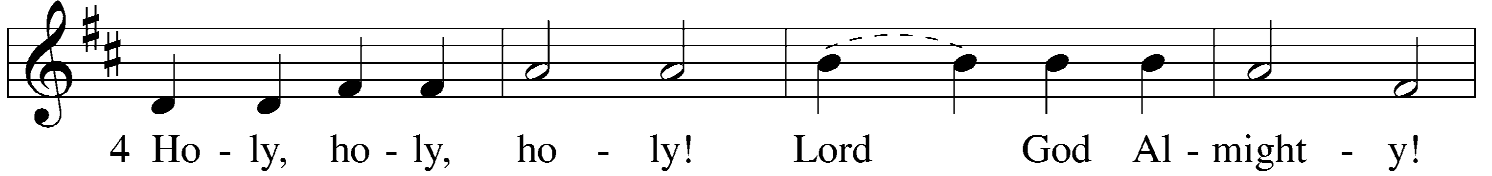
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalms 136*]

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ↑ PROPER PREFACE



## ↑ SANCTUS



## ↑ 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.**

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

### ↑ THE 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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



## 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

#709     *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

#770     *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

#740     *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*

## ↑ POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

**ALL:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ↑ BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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: Amen.**

## ↑ CLOSING HYMN     #917

*“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

## ↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 12-13)

## RSE OF THE WEEK

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.”**

**(John 10:1-2)**

### **↑ 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	Rev. Bill Pekari
Organist	Charles Heinemann
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/Mike Jorgensen
Acolyte, 8:00	Erin Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Dory Brown
Lector, 8:00	Sarah Pentz
Lector, 11:00	<b>Hugh McSweyn</b>
Greeters, 8:00	Rosella Rogers
Greeters, 11:00	Burcker/Dawson
Nursery	Lucy Noryke

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Meinschmidt.

## 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 - 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 – Lay Ministry Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**

**TODAY – OPEN ARMS Pre-School Open House, 1:00-3:00pm.  
Invite you family and friends!**

**Our “Mission of the Month” for May is Fisher House. More info to come.**

**Micah’s Backpack -- Urgent need!! Dinner items and veggies are most needed but anything on the suggested food list would be appreciated. Thank you!!**

### **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.**