

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## LOST. FOUND. FORMED. FOR SERVICE.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017  
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

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



#### AS WE GATHER

(prepared by Jim Gann)

What does God really want from us? Here is a partial list: He wants us to repent and remain repentant. He wants us to turn away from the things of this world, and from making our own choices for our selfish selves. He wants us to actively seek His will for our lives, and then do it. He wants us to be His voice, His arms, His legs and His back where and when there is a need. He wants us to give Him our trust and our faith in His promises. He wants us to be His emissaries to the world and spread the Gospel. He wants us to take the gifts He has blessed us with, both temporal and spiritual, and use them for the advancement of His Kingdom.

↓ 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 #802

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

+ **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



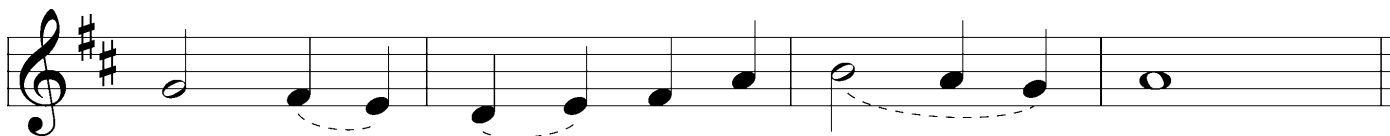
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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 -



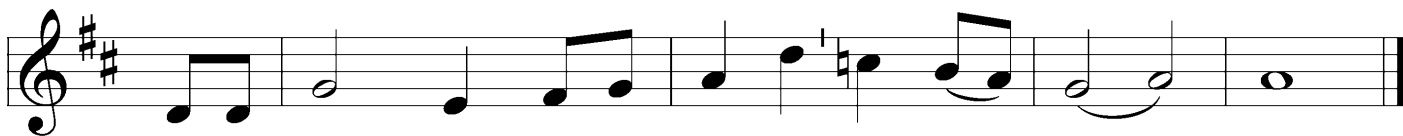
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

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: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↓ FIRST READING Acts 1:12–26

*(A new witness to Jesus' resurrection)*

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

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

*(Suffering with grace)*

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

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ↑ VERSE Romans 6:9; John 14:18

**ALL: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

**↑ HOLY GOSPEL**    John 17:1–11

*(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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 770, v.2*

**Have we trials and temptations? All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**↓ CHILDREN'S TALK**

↓ **SERMON HYMN** #525 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

↓ **SERMON** Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler  
Text: Acts 1:12-26, John 17:1-11  
Title: “Between the Times!”

↓ **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.

O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, restore us to oneness with ourselves and with other people even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us in the same by Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protecting the weakest and poorest in every society, and to practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [*especially . . .*] and those we name now in our hearts. Grant that all people may look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, You have set the feast before us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who come and dine this day both here and throughout the world may do so trusting Jesus' words that His body is given and His blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers may be offered here.)

P: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in the unity of love by the Holy Spirit, ever one God in three persons, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**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. [*Psalm 136*]

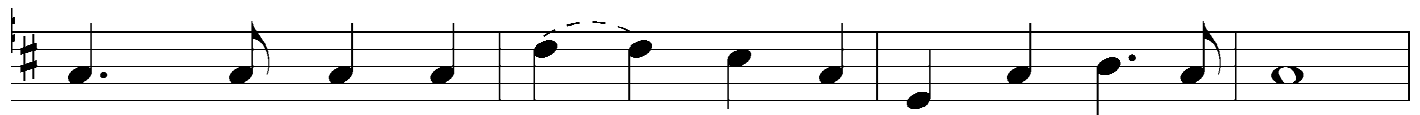
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ↑ PROPER PREFACE

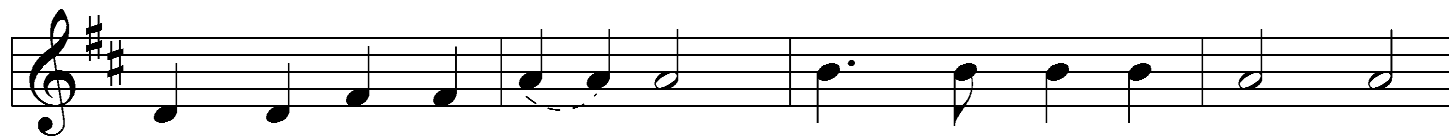
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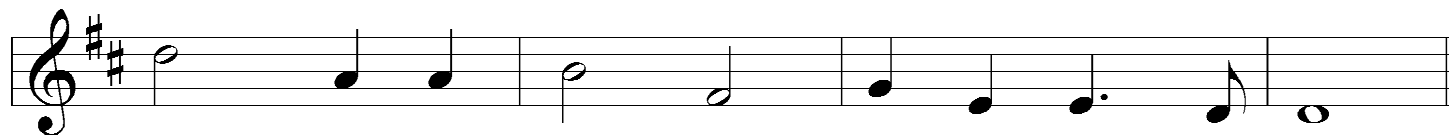
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### ↑ 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

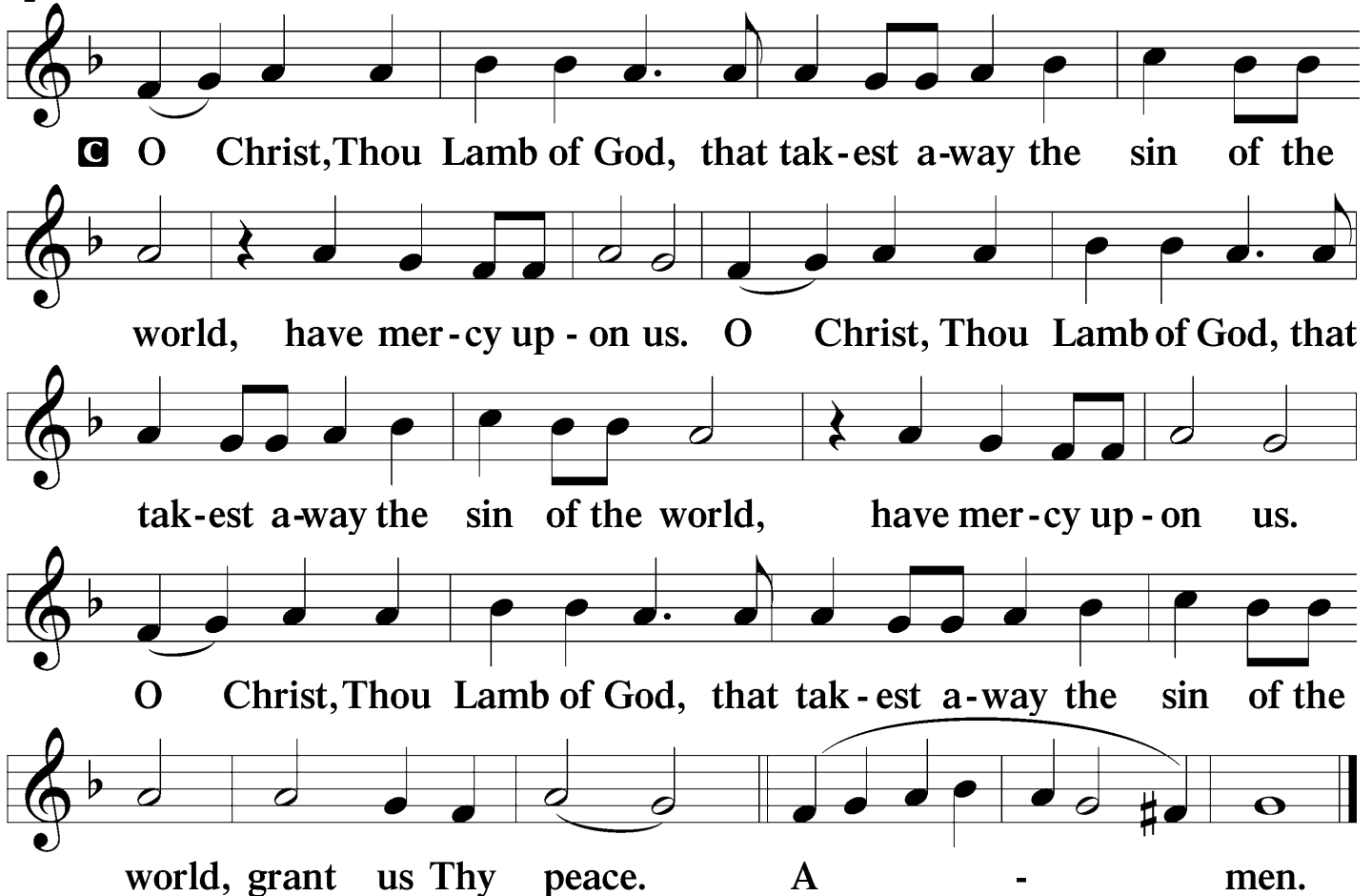
**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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

#488     *“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”*

#493     *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

#643     *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

## ↑ 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 #717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

**↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 12-13)**

**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**Humble yourselves...casting all your anxieties on him  
because he cares for you.**

**(1 Peter 5:7)**

**↑ 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. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/TBD
Acolyte, 8:00	Erin Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Dory Brown
Lector, 8:00	Mariam Foster
Lector, 11:00	Mike Jorgensen
Greeters, 8:00	Rosella Rogers
Greeters, 11:00	Mr. & Mrs. John Mullican
Nursery	Sylvia Shives

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Judy Keane in memory of the birthday of Bob's mother, Ethel Keane, and in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of our granddaughter, Lauren Keane, and the birthday of our future daughter-in-law, Leslie Ewing.

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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)

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler for leading us in worship today.

**This week: - Thursday – Ladies Dinner, 6:00 p.m.**

**- Saturday – Men’s Group Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.**

**Our “Mission of the Month” for May is Fisher House. We will take up a special offering today after each service. See the display in the narthex.**

**HELP WANTED** Terry and the properties committee needs your help the week of May 30-June 2. They will be painting and redoing the classrooms in Harmony Hall (Open Arms and Sunday school classrooms). They also need help to expand the fencing for the outdoor play area for the school. See Terry Bowman or just show up in work clothes.

### **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 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.**