

DIVINE SERVICE III

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 595 O BLESSED SPRING

Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- 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.**

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

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

595 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187




P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



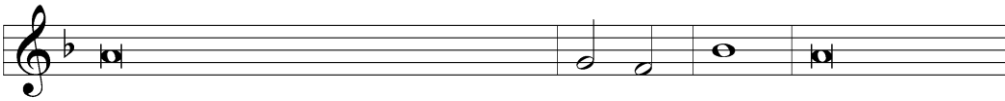
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



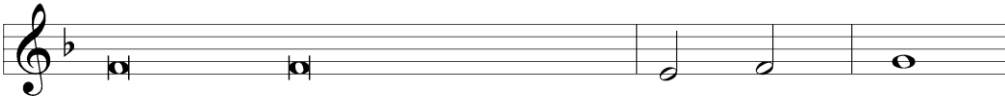
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
 and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
 so he opens not his mouth.
 In his humiliation justice was denied him.
 Who can describe his generation?
 For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*
 [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
 He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands; *
 he has put all things un- | der his feet.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the

world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: 540 CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Stand

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

- C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

- C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

- 611 CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE
- 919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS
- 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

Stand

THE DISMISSAL

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- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

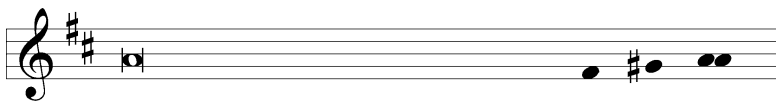
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

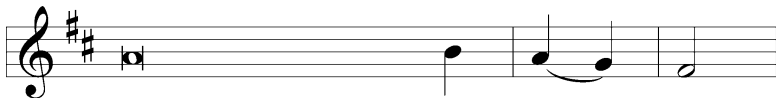
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

SALUTATION

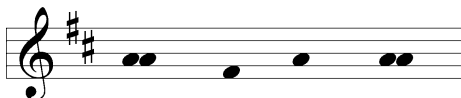
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN TO DEPART: 691 FRUITFUL TREES, THE SPIRIT’S SOWING

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Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living for April-June available.

Emergencies: For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Charles Henrickson at 314-779-8108. Leave a message or send a text if he doesn't answer.

Birthdays:

Emkes, Mike 4/30
 White, Jan 5/2
 Martin, Lynda 5/3
 Marot, AJ 5/3

Anniversaries:

Zack & Alexis Marot (2) 4/29
 John & Hannah Akers (2) 4/30
 Tony & Regina Moyers (5) 5/5

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for April 21, 2024

	Worship: Sunday Monday	9:30a 107 6:30p 4	Total - 107 Total - 4
<i>4/21/24 Unified Budget Offering</i> \$5,210.00	<i>YTD Unified Budget Offerings</i> \$88,156.00	<i>2024 Unified YTD needed for budget</i> \$ 94,206.00 <i>(\$6,729.00 weekly)</i>	<i>2024 Annual Budget</i> \$ 349,900.00

Prayers & Intercession

Surgery:

4/30 Tommy Ragsdale

Hospital:

Recovering:

Jim Roemer
Diane Smith
Bob Bruhn
Rev. Henrickson
Peter Economou
Pat Barnes
Gene Waltz --
Aspen Trace, room 402

Testing / treatments:

Rev. Charles Henrickson
Diane Beam-Garland

Home Bound

Bob & Sharon Bruhn
Konny Hannamann

Military

Erica Stephenson
Zach Goins
Chloe (Owen) Munoz
Ivan Munoz (USS Gravely Mediterranean Sea)
Jadon Ranbarger

Friends of Concordia

Ralph McGraw 1/2/24 Diane
Beam-Garland friend
Alexandria Carrier 9/1/23 (friend of
Econamou's)
Connie Henderson 5/14/23 (Pat Barnes
neighbor)
Rick Wildrick 3/30 (Jackie Denton's son-in-law)
Konny Hannemann & family members
11/13/22
Terry & Diana Deamron 9/11/22 (cousins of
Gerald Nolker)

Ed and Beverly Stephens 8/20/22 (former
members)
Terry Haskett 5/15/22 (Emily MaNally's father)
Missy Golden 4/20/22 (Deb Brooks daughter)
Austin & Travis Golden (Deb Brooks'
grandsons)
Judy Heine 11/22/21 (former member)
Pat Brooks 9/23/21 (Dick Brooks' sister)
Tami Economou, 8/17/21 (Economou's
daughter-in law)
Rose Swenson 7/27/21 (Erica Stephenson's
mother)
Anne Perkinson 7/1/21 (Guinn family friend)
Susan Soggs 1/7/21 (Dick Economou's niece)
Pastor Howard Fabricius 1/2/21 (former
pastor)
Beverly Fabricius 4/15/24 (former Pastor
Fabricius's wife)
Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19 (Sherry Slemmons'
friend)
Brandon Frederking 5/2/19 (Heidi Whitrock's
brother-in-law)
Steve Stephenson 4/28/19 (David Stephenson's
father)
Thomas Clark 12/16/18 (Becky Lanning's
brother)

Battling Cancer / MS

Mary Ann Bryant 01/09/24 (former boss of
Sherry Slemmons)
Kelsey Merena 10/25/22 (friend of Kat Santiago)
David Buuck 9/27/21 (Diana Sullivan's brother)
Brandi Soggs 1/9/20 (Dick Economou's great-
niece)
Jackson Emkes 4/8/24 (Mike and Cindy Emkes'
grand-nephew)

Sympathies: We pray the peace of Christ and
the hope of the resurrection to:

The family and friends of **Bob Bruhn**, who
passed away 4/24/24.

This week at Concordia

Apr 28	Sunday	9:30 a 10:45 a 3:00p 6:00 p	Divine Worship Sunday School LWCC Meeting Women's Bible Study
Apr 29	Monday	6:30p	Monday Worship
Apr 30	Tuesday		
May 1	Weds.		
May 2	Thurs.		
May 3	Friday		
May 4	Saturday		
May 5	Sunday	9:30 a 10:45 a 6:00 p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know someone looking for a half day, play based Preschool, recommend us! Take a flyer from our bulletin board or visit www.concordia-lcms.com/preschool/ to get more information.

VBS Bulletin Board is in the lobby. Families may start registering for VBS. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sarah Shadday; background checks and child protection plans must be completed before volunteering. We also have our donation list on the bulletin board.

Save the Date On *Thursday, May 9th*, we will be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord with a service at 6:30pm, followed by an Ice Cream social in the fellowship hall at 7:45pm. Those who wish can bring ice cream and/or toppings to share.

Save the Date West Wing Renovation Fundraiser Kick-Off. Following our congregation meeting May 19, the fundraising team will host a luncheon with guest speaker and a silent auction.