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Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025
Vacancy Pastor Rev. Dennis L Fangmeyer

DIVINE SERVICE III

AS WE GATHER

“Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high” (*LSB* 680:2). The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign! Hallelujah! The Crucified One is now risen, indeed! Jesus lives to bring us home. He promises, “In My Father’s home are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” (John 14:2). The robe and sandals are ready, and so is the ring. The price is paid, the party prepared, the sacrifice complete, and the Father has rehearsed His lines, “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found” (Luke 15:24). Because Jesus lives, the day will dawn when we will sing, “Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee” (*LSB* 680:5).

"If only the word of the gospel remains pure among us, and we love and cherish it, we shall not doubt that Christ is with us, even when things are at their worst." —Luther's Works (Vol. 35, Page 411).

PREPARATION

(During the Processional Hymns, the Easter Lilies are brought forward and placed in the chancel, the nave and the altar are prepared for worship, and the candles are lighted. We continue to sing the Processional Hymns until all is prepared for worship.)

Stand

HYMN: 457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

HYMN: 465 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Greeting: HE IS RISEN!

Response: HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUIAH!

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** 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.**
- 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.**

Service of the Word

PSALM – Tone B

Psalms 16 (antiphon: v. 10)



For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.
I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”
As for the saints | in the land,*

they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.
 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
 their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their
 names | on my lips.
 The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
 you | hold my lot.
 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
 indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.
 For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
 or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
 I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
 in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
 I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
 because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
 my flesh also | dwells secure.
 For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
 or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
 You make known to me the | path of life;*
 in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are
 pleasures for- | evermore.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
 or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

KYRIE

LSB 186



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;



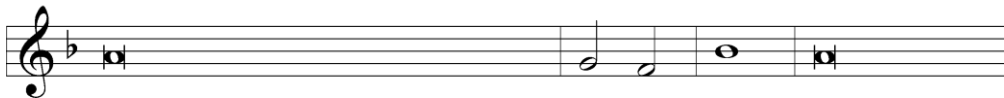
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



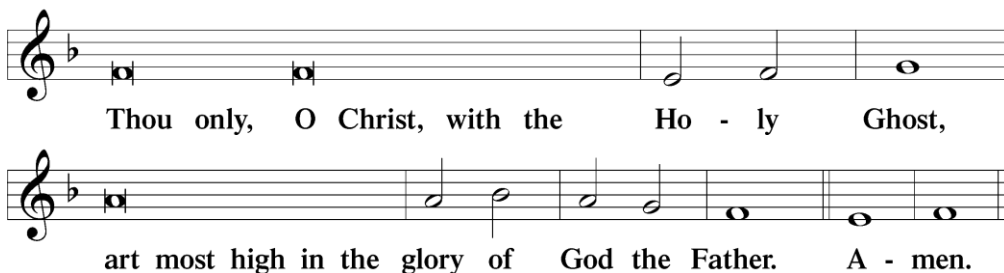
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–13

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – TONE B

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 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 Corinthians 15:19–26

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

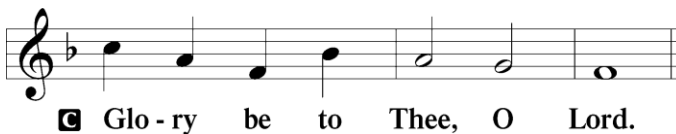
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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told

all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: 490 JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON

SERMON -- "We Are Going Home"

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

PRAAYER 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

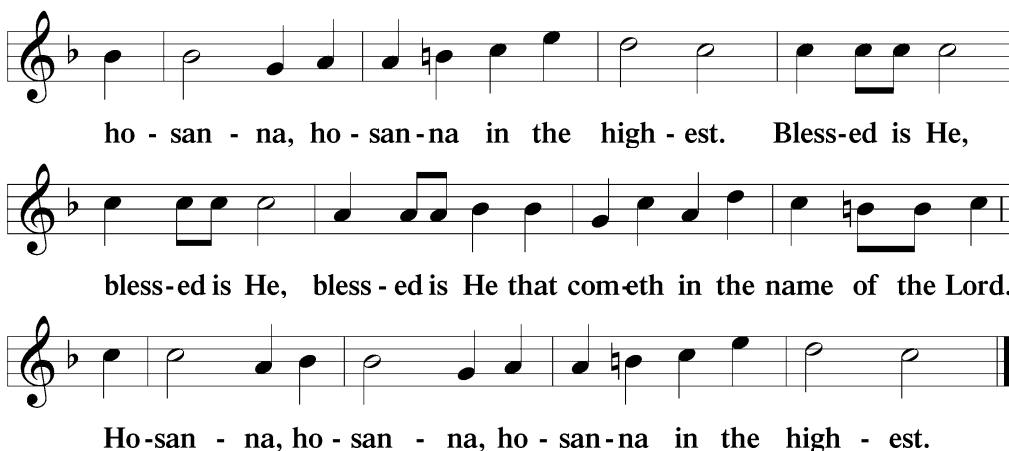
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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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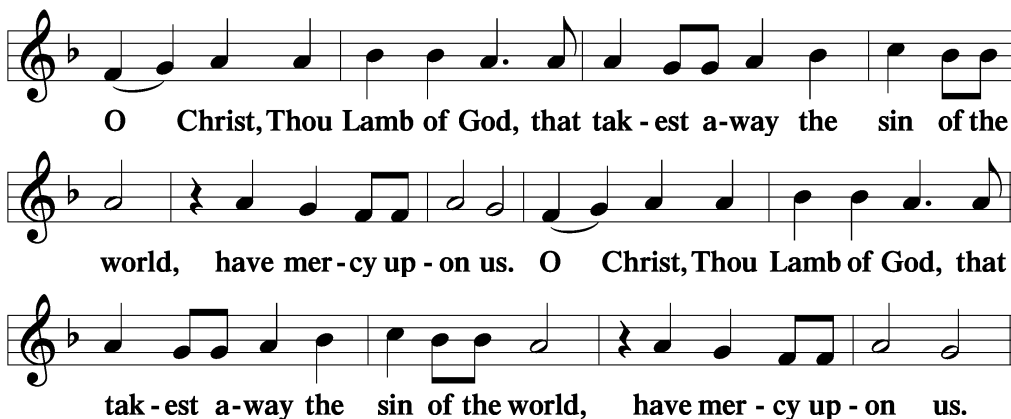
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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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.



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 469 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 466 CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 480 HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN

Stand

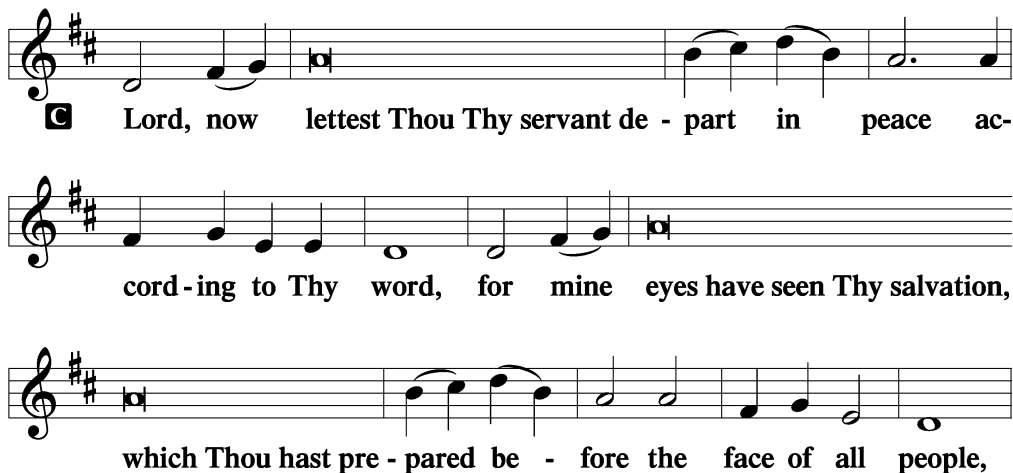
THE DISMISSAL

LSB 199

- 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

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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

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.

SALUTATION

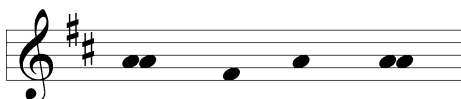
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

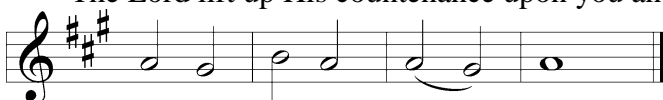
BENEDICTION

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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: 461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements

April 20, 2025

The Refuge, the food pantry we support in Greenwood, is in frequent need of the following items: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper meals, canned or dried beans, rice-a-roni, small bags of rice, canned fruit, and disinfectant wipes.

Thank you to everyone who provided items for the **Personal Care Kits** we collected during Lent. With your contributions, we have assembled 15 kits. On October 17, they and the mission quilts we make will be loaded on a truck bound for the Lutheran World Relief warehouse.

All women are invited to help select which two charities will receive a \$150 gift. If you did not receive a ballot, please request one and return all ballots to the basket by the church office door.

Portals of Prayer for April-June 2025 are available.

We will have an **Easter Egg Hunt** around 9:30 am today.

April 25 5:30-8:30pm we have a **Congregational Game Night**. A light meal will be provided. Come to talk, play games, and spend time together.

June 16-20 9:00-11:30 am is **Concordia's Vacation Bible School Epic Australian Adventure**. We need participants, volunteers, and donations. Look at the sign up in the lobby to see how you can help.

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for April 13, 2025

<i>Operating Budget Offering</i> \$4,080.00	<i>YTD Unified Budget Offerings</i> \$93,267.57	<i>2025 Operating YTD needed for budget</i> \$95,970.00 <i>(\$6,855.00 weekly)</i>	<i>2025 Annual Budget</i> \$356,450.00
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Birthdays:	Wedding Anniversaries: Years
Krinhop, Betsy 4/22	Chris & Rose Mihi 37 4/25
Denton, Jacqueline 4/23	
Snyder, Linda 4/24	
Jensen, Darlene 4/25	

THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Apr 20 EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday	7:00a 8:45a 10:00a 10:45a	Easter Sunrise Divine Service Easter Breakfast Easter Divine Worship Service Sunday School
Apr 21	Monday	7:00p	Church Council
Apr 22	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Apr 23	Wed.		
Apr 24	Thurs.		
Apr 25	Friday	5:30p	Congregational Game Night
Apr 26	Saturday	6:00p	Youth Event
Apr 27	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

Note: "Prayers & Intercessions" to be included in printed announcements again next week. Space was limited this week.