Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
Vacancy Pastor Rev. Dennis L Fangmeyer

DIVINE SERVICE III

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 465 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

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,
- 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,
- 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.

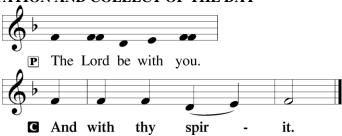
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.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

Service of the Word





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





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.



Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord

Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

GRADUAL -- TONE B

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 Revelation 21:1–7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

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

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL John 16:12–22

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



[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

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 He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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.

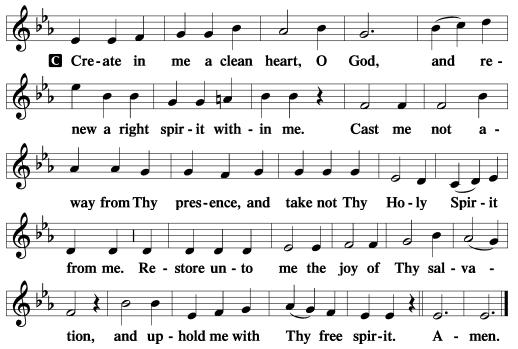
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HYMN OF THE DAY: 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

SERMON -- "What Are You Like?"

Stand

OFFERTORY 192



Stand

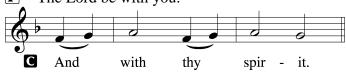
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

The Lord be with you.



E We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



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:



LORD'S PRAYER 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD 197

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 639 WIDE OPEN STAND THE GATES

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 602 THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 594 GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT

Stand

THE DISMISSAL LSB 199

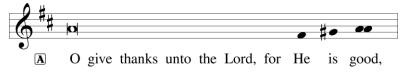
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.



THANKSGIVING LSB 200





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

 \mathbf{A} Let us pray.

> 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.



SALUTATION 201



The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir it. C



Bless we A the Lord.



BENEDICTION 202

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.



HYMN TO DEPART: 818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements May 18, 2025

NEW PASTOR PRAISE REPORT!!!

At the Fort Wayne Seminary's call service on Tuesday, April 29, we learned that **Henry Scheltens** has been placed at Concordia. Pastor-elect Scheltens is from Normal, Illinois. He is married to **Isabel** and has a 1 year old son. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he completes his seminary studies and plans his ordination and installation.

Congregational Assembly Meeting - Today, 10:45 am

The **West Wing Reno Fundraising Committee** is giving everyone a sneak preview and a chance to bid on some of the beautiful things that will be sold at Concordia's table at the LuHigh and Calvary craft shows in the Fall. All items on the display table in the foyer have been handcrafted and donated by Mike and Heidi Ford.

Thank you in advance for supporting the **Bake Sale today!** All proceeds will go to the West Wing Renovation Fund. Get some goodies to eat during the Congregational meeting; Get some goodies to take home; Get some goodies to give to a friend!

ATTENTION: St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School Families and Friends.

You are invited to our Reunion Picnic on Saturday, May 31st, from 11am-6pm.

LOCATION: Westside Park Shelter, 820 West Main St. Greenwood, IN 46142 **FOOD:** Please bring a covered dish to share along with your own drinks.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Paper Plates, Silverware and Napkins will be provided,

DONATION: \$5:00 per person requested.

RSVP@ St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School Reunion Facebook Page or

email cynthiasueschrader@gmail.com

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, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, canned pasta, canned meat, boxed meals, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wipes, toilet paper, kleenex, and disinfectant wipes.

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.

Up through endless ranks of angels! Celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord with your brothers and sisters in Christ at St Peter's (2525 E. 11th St. 46201). **Divine Service Thursday, 29 May at 7p.** Gemutlichkeit to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share (from Pastor Seth Mierow).

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for May 11, 2025

	Worship Attendance: Sunday	Worship Services - 9:30 am - 88	
Operating Budget	YTD Unified Budget	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget: \$123,390.00 (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget:
Offering: \$1,511.00	Offerings: \$112,603.57		\$356,450.00

Birthdays:		Wedding Anniversaries: Years		
Carroll, Kathy	5/19	John & Shanda Bontrager Jr 30	5/20	
Shadday, Rachel	5/21			

THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

May 18	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Congregation Assembly Meeting Sunday School Women's Bible Study
May 19	Monday	7:00p	Church Council
May 20	Tuesday	8:00a	Pre-3's Ice Cream Social
May 21	Wed.	6:30p	Pre-K Graduation
May 22	Thurs.		
May 23	Friday		
May 24	Saturday	9:00a	VBS Training
May 25	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

Prayers & Intercessions (Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Linda Snyder 3/30/25
- Fred Foster 3/30/25
- Betty Economou 1/12/25
- Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22
- Peter Economou 4/22/19

Friends of Concordia

- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Falon Wildrick 3/31/25
- Pam Perry 3/31/25
- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Rick Zoellner 12/30/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

Battling Cancer / MS

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State St Ball Brothers 123, Franklin IN 46131
- Pat Barnes, 8601 Shelby St, Apt 236, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Military Servicemen & women

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137
 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)

Note: Please provide updates to office for additions and removals to the "Prayers & Intercession" listing.

Emergencies: For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer at 620-886-0911. Leave a message if he doesn't answer.