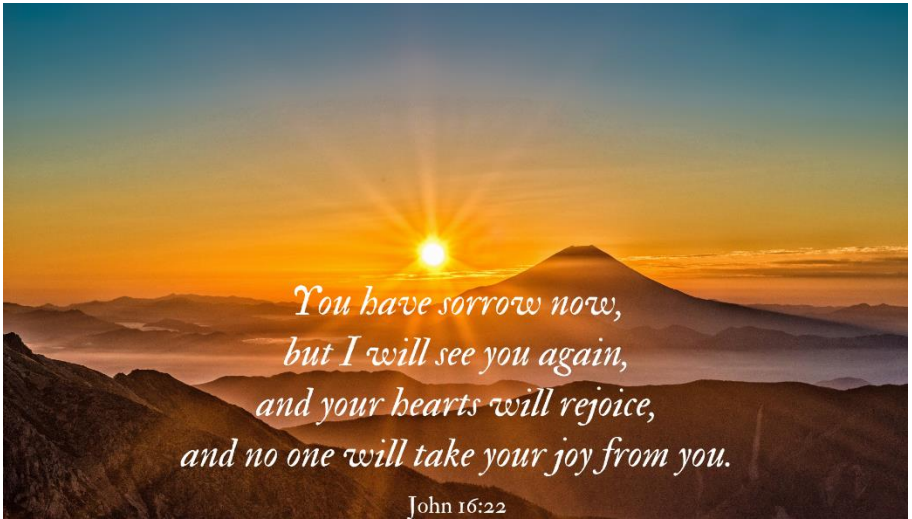


*Concordia
Evangelical Lutheran*



*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024*

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Ps. 122:1

Instructions for Communion:

If you are a member of Concordia, see the pew card for help preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at Concordia is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Buchs about Communion before participating.

Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church? If you're member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Buchs know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

Prayers for Worship can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal. More prayers are provided on page 305ff.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: **#461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

Confession & Absolution (Hymnal, p. 184)

Introit (Bulletin, p. 2)

Kyrie (Hymnal, p. 186)

This is the Feast (Bulletin, p. 3)

The Readings (Bulletin, p. 4-5)

Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 191)

Hymn of the Day: **#483 With High Delight Let Us Unite**

Sermon

Offertory & Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

#781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

#622 Lord Jesus Christ You Have Prepared

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: **#468 I Am Content My Jesus Lives Again**

Fourth Sunday of Easter ***(Jubilate)***

INTROIT *Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Alleluia.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Glorify the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

VERSE

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

This is the Feast

Refrain

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*

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.

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;

²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;

³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,

³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to

praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Gospel: John 16:16-22

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So 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?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus 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’? ²⁰Truly, 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. ²¹When 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. ²²So 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.”

Constitution Update

The Constitution needs some updates! To revise the Constitution, a proposal must be presented at a Voter’s Meeting (this happened at January’s Annual Meeting), and then a vote is held at a subsequent Voter’s Meeting (April’s Quarterly Meeting). If the vote succeeds, the Constitution is forwarded to the District for approval.

A summary of proposed changes and a proposed draft are available on the table outside the office. Bring any questions to Bible Class the next several weeks, and we can discuss in preparation for the Voters’ Meeting!

A promotional poster for a 'Walk for Life' event. The top section is a teal banner with the text 'SAVING LIVES ONE STEP AT A TIME' in yellow and 'WALK FOR LIFE' in white. Below this, on the left, is a logo for 'PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER + MEDICAL CLINIC' featuring a white icon of a person with a heart. To the right of the logo, text reads 'REGISTER @ 9AM', 'WALK STARTS @ 10 AM', and 'LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!'. Further right, the event details are listed: 'SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024', 'Riverside Terrace at Southside Park', 'Sauk Rapids', and '195 River Ave S, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379'.

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More information here: give.preghelpfriends.com/2024walkforlife

Orphan Grain Train †

We’re collecting new socks and undies for Orphan Grain Train! You can drop them in the box in the fellowship hall through May 12. All sizes are being collected, but children’s socks (for age 3 to 6th grade) are especially needed. Pastor Buchs will take our collected donation to the State Pastors’ Conference on May 13-15 in Brainerd.

Concordia’s Weekly/Monthly Financials are available on the table outside the office!

Prayer Requests

Donna Anderson
Robin Halverson
Halarie Haukaas
Pam Hutchings
Nikki James
(niece of Arlen & Verna Lea Salmela)
Teddy Kothe
Evelyn Maurer
Gracie Muehring
Lorraine Rose
Arlen Salmela
Emery Schmidt
Marie Working

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Apr. 21 Ellie Richards
Apr. 23 Jack Bollman
Apr. 26 Gracie Muehring
Mary Ann Reichard

This Week's Schedule

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Wednesday	9:30 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Small Catechism Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Vespers
Friday	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Pastor: Rev. David Buchs
Elder: Jason Buboltz
Organist: Lynn Hoff