



# *Concordia Lutheran Church*

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## *Welcome to Concordia*

*A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation*

If you are our guest, please fill out a visitor card (in the pew rack behind the Communion cards) and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. If you worship regularly with us and have a new address, a prayer request or a message for the pastor or the church office, you are welcome to use the visitor card to share that with us. Thank you!

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in our multi-purpose room on the side of the Narthex.

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

# Easter

Sunday, March 27, 2016

† Opening Hymn: “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” LSB 457

† Invocation

† Confession & Absolution LSB 213

† Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

P: the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

**C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

P: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**C: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise: “*He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*” LSB 488

† Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 65:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I

will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### † Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### † Adult Choir: "Run Mary Run"

### † Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>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.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### † Nicene Creed

### † Children's Message

† Sermon Hymn: <i>“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”</i>	LSB 463
† Sermon: <b>“REMEMBER”</b>	
† Sermon Response: <i>“If Christ Had Not Been Raised...”</i>	LSB 486
† Offering	
† Prayers	
† Lord’s Supper	LSB 216
Preface	LSB 216
Lord’s Prayer	LSB 217
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 217
Pax Domini	LSB 217
Distribution Hymns	
<i>“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”</i>	LSB 633
<i>“The Stone is Rolled Away”</i>	(Adult Choir)
<i>“Because He Lives”</i>	(see back of bulletin)
<i>“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”</i>	LSB 467
<i>“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”</i>	LSB 468
<i>“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”</i>	LSB 480
Post-Communion Collect	
† Benediction	
† Closing Hymn: <i>“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”</i>	LSB 477

**Participants in this Morning’s Service**

Greeters:	Dennis and Diane Leimbach
Organist:	Lynn Mueller
Choir Director:	Sarah Benkendorf
Instrumentalists:	Katie Benkendorf, Megan Benkendorf, Andrew Bohnert, Tammy Bohnert, Dale Burroughs, Jenny France, Nathan Lichtenegger, Landon Petzoldt, Tabitha Petzoldt, Tammy Petzoldt, Todd Petzoldt, Carol Word, Zachary Word
Acolyte:	Britney Koenig
Elder of the Day:	David Roth
Ushers:	Tyler Schmidt, Adam Lichtenegger, Derek Miesner, Dwayne Roth
Audio/Visual Team:	Tom Clampitt, Pat Petzoldt

## Weekly Devotions (Easter)

### Hymn of the Week

#### **LSB 487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke  
Jacob’s sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

### Bible Stories

03/28 -- M: No School  
03/29 -- Tu: Matthew 28:1-15  
03/30 -- W: Luke 24:13-35  
03/31 -- Th: Luke 24:33-49  
04/01 -- F: John 20:19-31

### Bible Verse

<sup>8</sup>*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*

<sup>9</sup>*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

Romans 6:8–9 (ESV)

### Catechism

**K-2:** Confession – “*What is Confession?* Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.”

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### This Week’s Schedule

Mon., March 28 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No School – Easter Break</i>
	7 p.m.	Finance Board ( <u>NO</u> Adult Choir)
Sat., April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Worship, with Holy Communion, at Trinity, Altenburg
Sun., April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 a.m.	Bible Study
	After Worship	Youth meet with Pastor
	After Worship	Refreshments and Fellowship

### Announcements

**Welcome:** We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. Remember, “He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!” Remember this “when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, and when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7) Hear the Word of the Lord.

**A Word of God to chew on this week:** <sup>8</sup>*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.* <sup>9</sup>*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.* Romans 6:8–9 (ESV) Think about it. Talk about it. Memorize it. Take this wonderful food from God, and let it strengthen you.

**New Members?:** Are you interested in becoming a member, or know of somebody who is interested in becoming a member? Please contact Pastor Benkendorf at 824-5435 or revbenkendorf@gmail.com. He will gladly and willingly talk to any and all who are interested in becoming members of Concordia, Frohna.

**Church Attendance:** Worship – 223 (Sat.-47, Sun.-176), one year ago – 238 (Sat.-47, Sun.-191); Adult Bible Class – 47, one year ago – 37

**Praising our Risen Lord,** we dedicate the beauty of the Easter lily donations for Worship today. The lilies were given by the following Concordia members: Harry and Jean Mueller; Ken and Ginny Leimbach; Marvin and Aileen Petzoldt; Bob and Darlene Bachmann; Edgar and Della Dreyer; Boyd, Jenny, and Dalton France; Troy and Julie Petzoldt; Mike and Karen Eidson; Mike and Cindy Barich; Lynn and Bonnie Mueller, in memory of loved ones; Clifford and Kathy Stueve, in memory of loved ones; Peggy Scholl; Mike and Stephanie Roth, in celebration of the upcoming adoption of Elizabeth; and Darryl and Joy Peetz, in memory of loved ones. You may take your lily home today after Worship. Thank you for supporting the beautification of the sanctuary for Easter.

**“Portals of Prayer”** (April-June) are still available today on the north buffet.

**Thrivent Financial members have until this Thursday, March 31, to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars.** Concordia received \$15,293 in Choice Dollars in 2015 and \$3,221 so far in 2016. Please remember to designate your Choice Dollars before they expire!

**A Note from the Treasurer:** As you look at designating Thrivent Choice Dollars, if you designate them to Concordia Lutheran Church, please remember that unless you choose otherwise, your Choice Dollars are donated to the General Fund. If you wish to have your dollars go to a specific area/fund, you can either get a form from Carol Duggan or the church office to designate the funds, or you can contact the church treasurer, Sarah Benkendorf.

**Thank you** for all the prayers, cards of encouragement, and good food brought in. Thanks to our daughters for the support and care, and to Pastor Benkendorf for his visits. The knee surgery went well, and God has been with me all the way. Darlene Bachmann

**LWML Spring Rally:** The Altenburg Zone Spring Rally will be held Sunday, April 10, at Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., and the rally will begin at 1 p.m. The theme is "Serve the Lord With Gladness". The speaker will be 13-year old Parker Lipke, from Jackson, who has gone on two mission trips to Swaziland, where he helped at an orphanage filled with children whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS. He now is raising money so the children at the orphanage can have new bunk beds. The rally ingathering will be given to this cause. The rally offering will go towards the zone treasury. A light lunch will be served after the rally for \$3.

### **United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes**

**Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting** on March 17 are available today on the south buffet.

**A HUGE thank you** for your support at the UCLS Fish and Chicken Supper, whether it was by donating your time working, donating a dessert, or coming to enjoy the delicious food and fellowship! We truly appreciate it! You helped make the supper another huge success! UCLS Fish & Chicken Supper Committee

**Are you looking for a Christian education for your child?** Are you looking for an educational setting where you and your child can be part of a family? Are you looking for a school with a staff of dedicated Christian teachers where the Word of God is taught every day? Look no further. United in Christ Lutheran School in Frohna, is now accepting enrollments for the 2016-2017 school year. Our vision is to unite our communities with a quality education based on a solid Lutheran foundation. Come join us, and be a part of something special. We have classes for 3- and 4-year old pre-kindergarten students through the 8th grade. For more information, call 824-5218. *Instructional Materials Fees will be discounted for enrollments that are completed before this Friday, April 1.*

### **Saxony Lutheran High School Notes**

**Saxony Drama will present “Little Women”, the musical!** Performance dates are this Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m. and this Saturday, April 2, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Perry Park Center Theatre. Join us for this lively adaptation, based on the book by Louisa May Alcott. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for students, and are available for purchase through the Saxony office. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door, but seats are assigned, so purchase early for the best choice!

### **Neighboring Church & Community Notes**

**The April calendar** listing the menu and activities at the Perry County and EPC Senior Centers is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information about activities, special events, or to view the monthly calendar, please visit the website at [www.perrycountyseniorcenter.com](http://www.perrycountyseniorcenter.com) or the Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/PerryCountySeniorCenters](http://www.facebook.com/PerryCountySeniorCenters).

**The Annual Fried Chicken Supper**, hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altenburg, will be held next Sunday, April 3, with serving beginning at 3 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost of the meal, to be served family-style, will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Items will be available at the Country Store, hosted by the LWML and ladies of the congregation.

**Music at St. Paul** will host Amy Camie, a spiritual harpist, and Aska Kaneko, an acclaimed international violinist, on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. More information can be found on-line at [www.amycamie.com](http://www.amycamie.com) and [www.askakaneko.com](http://www.askakaneko.com), or e-mail Matt Palisch at St. Paul, Jackson, at [mpalisch@stpauljackson.com](mailto:mpalisch@stpauljackson.com) or call 243-2236.

**The St. Andrew LWML Circle Salad Luncheon** will be Friday, April 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 804 N Cape Rock Dr, Cape Girardeau. The menu will include hot casserole, hot rolls, drink, and a large selection of salads. The cost of the all-you-can-eat meal will be \$8. The proceeds will benefit Rev. Trump/Kenya Missions and Shut-In’s Ministry.

**A Hope Seeds Celebration Dinner and Concert by Don Wharton** will be held Tuesday, April 26, at the Jackson Civic Center, 381 East Deerwood Dr, Jackson. The welcome will be at 5 p.m., the dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the concert will be at 7 p.m. Hope Seeds Executive Director Mike Mueller will give a presentation of stories from “the Field”. Come to both the meal and concert. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 per plate. (The meal will feature homegrown produce and herbs from Hope Seeds gardens.) The concert is free. A free-will offering will be taken. Each dollar given during this event will be matched up to \$5,000. Please RSVP by Friday, April 15, to Luella Franke by phone at 636-542-0384 or by e-mail to [franke1208@aol.com](mailto:franke1208@aol.com).

## Scholarship and Grant Available

**The Missouri Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa is sponsoring a \$750 scholarship available to an education major.** The student should apply during the spring semester prior to the final semester/year in their teacher education program. A GPA of 2.75 in college work is required. Preference is given to a Perry County resident or former Perry County high school graduate, public or parochial. Application forms are available at the counselor's offices of Perryville, St. Vincent, or Saxony Lutheran High Schools, and must be returned to the scholarship chairperson by this Friday, April 1. A form may also be requested via e-mail by contacting: [tlukefahr@perryville.k12.mo.us](mailto:tlukefahr@perryville.k12.mo.us).

**LWML Church Workers Study Grant:** If you know of anyone who is going to a Missouri Synod school to study to be a church worker, grants are available from the Missouri District LWML. The application deadline is Friday, April 15. To get an application, either call Pat Petzoldt (824-5912) or Donna Hecht (824-5280) or go to the website at [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org) and select Forms/Scholarship & Grants. More information is on the poster on the bulletin board in Concordia's narthex.

## KFUO Notes

**Listen to "Cross Defense"** on Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org. When people ask you tough questions about your faith, are you prepared to respond? Join us as we look at the Apologetic of Creation vs. Theistic Evolution tomorrow, March 28, at 2 p.m. Listen to KFUO on the radio at 850 AM, or live streaming and archived at [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org). Follow KFUO on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KFUORadio](http://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio).

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### *Because He Lives*

1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
  
Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.
  
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.  
Refrain
  
3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.  
Refrain