



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

Join the 10:00am livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings of our past services on our YouTube channel.



Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located downstairs.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org



Prelude

"Praeludium in A Minor" by Johann Caspar Simon

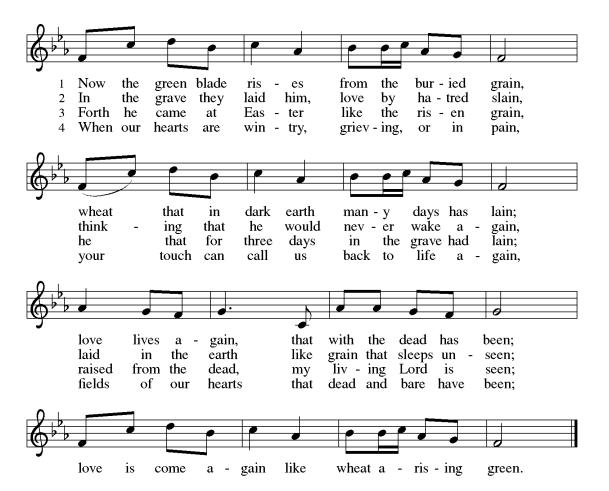
Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

ELW#379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"



P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: Amen.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Growth in the discipline of worship

All of us are far too shoddy and undisciplined in our responsibilities. God help us now to fill up the empty pews at the services of worship in our church.

-Historical quote from September 6, 1953

Hymn of Praise

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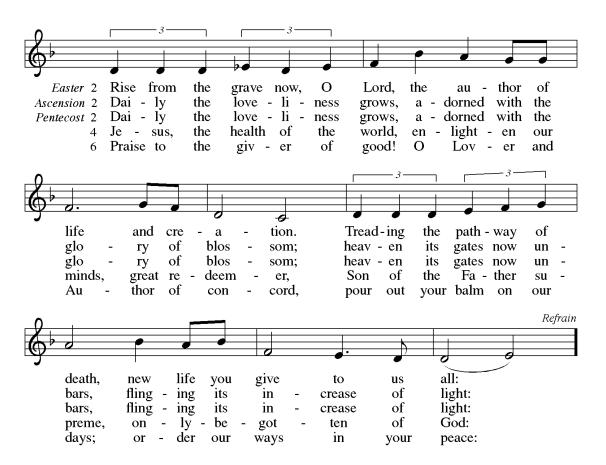
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First Reading Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

"Alleluia" by William Boyce

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

 7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

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They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.





P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat)

Sermon Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day con't "On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)"



Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Lola*, *Bonnie*, *Gary*, *Glen*, *Lupe*, *Galen*, *Mike*, *Harry*, *Dennis*, *Sandie*, *Gianna*, *Bob*, *Luis*, *Pam*, *Vickie*, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [pause for names] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering

See page 24 for ways to support our ministries

Offertory Anthem

"Nearer Medley"

Temple Talk: 20th Anniversary Scrapbook Presentation

by Brenda Swartz, President & CEO

Recognition Presentation

by Daniel Formeller, Council President

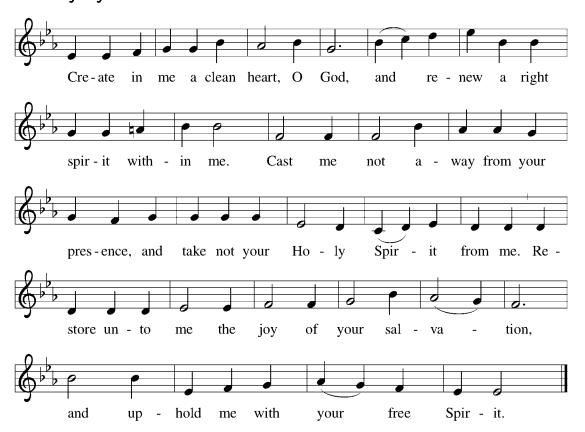
Dan Formeller: Baptized into the body of Christ, we are all called to offer ourselves in service to our neighbors so that God's love and grace made known to us in Jesus Christ will be known throughout the world. It is our privilege today to recognize Brenda Swartz who has been engaged in the work of this congregation for 20 years as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Concordia Place.

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, we thank you for Brenda Swartz and for the ministry you have delivered to our church, community and neighbors through her hands. Accept our grateful prayer of thanksgiving for her visionary leadership and our life together in this congregation, and we ask that you continue to bless her work through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

Offertory Hymn

ELW #188 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

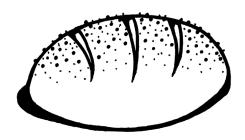
P: Life up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

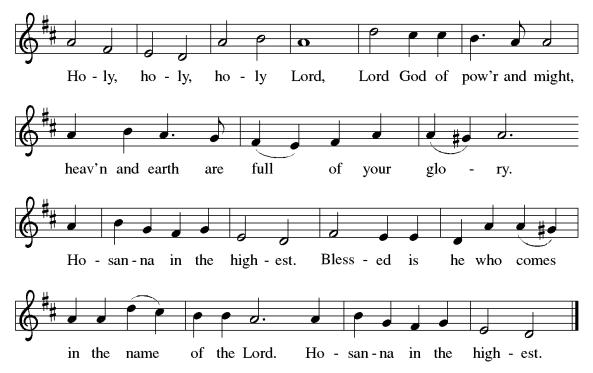
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times.......... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus Setting 4



- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

 Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

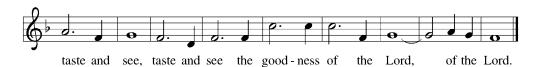
Communion Invitation

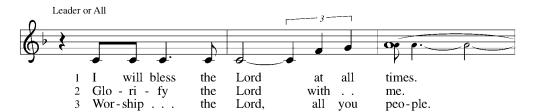
We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

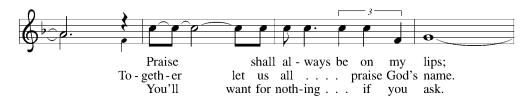
Communion Hymn

ELW #493 "Taste and See"













Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"



Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook Usher:

Deacons: Jennifer Phillips & Christina Organist: Paul Dykstra

Formeller Song leaders: Jade Ferrell, Leah Dexter,

Lectors: Mark Neukirch & Mark Croll Benjamin Burney & Anthony Lopez

Concordia Church Choir

Marisa Buchheit Dan Lantvit Betsy Ries

Benjamin Burney Mary-Ann Lupa Linda Storbeck

Jade Ferrell Rich Gaul Wilma Stevens

Announcements

Reception Honoring Brenda Swartz—TODAY!

Following worship today, we'll gather downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Brenda's 20 Years of service as President/CEO of Concordia Place. We hope you'll join us.

Stewardship Temple Talks

May 7th: Brenda Swartz's 20 Years with Concordia Place

As we are in the midst of our 2023 stewardship campaign, we are hosting temple talks during worship on Sundays. The purpose of these temple talks will be to both provide educational information about various ministries and other aspects of our church, along with sharing ways that you can get involved with these ministries of the church.

Quilt & Cookbook Projects

In celebration of Concordia Church's 125th Anniversary, we are making a quilt and organizing a cookbook!

- -Quilt squares are available in the back; we encourage your household to complete one to represent Concordia's impact on your faith journey. Instructions are attached to the template.
- -Recipes can be submitted on paper (pick up sheets in the back of church) or electronically via email to Jen. Should you have questions about either project, connect with Jen Phillips after church or at jphillips@concordiafaith.org.

Support the ministries of Concordia Church through your offerings. There are

multiple ways for you to give:

- 1) Mobile: Text 'Concordia' to 73256 and follow the link or scan the QR code here
- 2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
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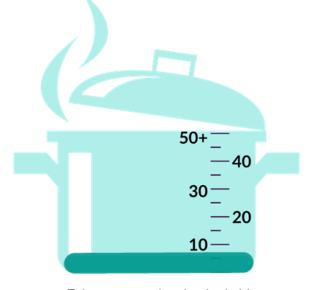
125th Anniversary Project Updates!

How many more quilt squares does our quilt need?

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42	41	40	39	38	37	36
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
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To learn more and get involved, visit: www.concordiafaith.org/125th/quilt-project

How many more recipes does our cookbook need?



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Below is a list of all the songs that we are using in today's liturgy with their copy right information located with them.

Opening Hymn

ELW #385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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Hymn of Praise

ELW #394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: SALVE FESTA DIES, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Outside USA: Music from The English Hymnal, © Oxford University Press 1906.

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 4

Hymn of the Day

TFF #77 "On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)"

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

Offertory Hymn

ELW #188 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Sanctus & Lamb of God

Setting 4

Closing Hymn

ELW #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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