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Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

## Prelude

## Allegro on “*Puer Nobis Nascitur*” by Paul Fey

### Easter Proclamation

P: Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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Processional Hymn

ELW #386 "O Sons And Daughters, Let Us Sing"

verses 1-4



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Hymn of Praise

### "This Is The Feast"

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

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Hymn of Praise con't..

"This Is The Feast"

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

*Choir sings antiphon and odd verses  
Congregation sings the bold verses*

R: In your presence there is fullness of joy.

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my God above all others."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the God who are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips. R**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore. R

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Nicholas Zook**



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*After the final stanza*



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- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
 that they had seen the risen Lord,  
 he doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!
- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
 and look upon my hands, my feet;  
 not faithless, but believing be."  
 Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

## **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.**

**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 [*pause for names*], 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.*

### Anthem

*“Alleluia” — setting by William Boyce*

### The Offering



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## Offertory Hymn

## ELW #204 "Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

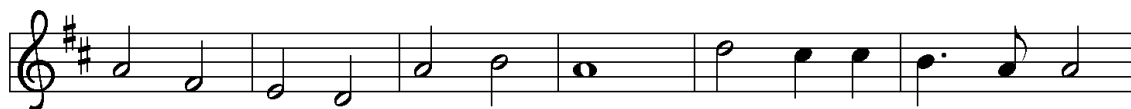
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Preface

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.


P: Blessed are you,  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By your great mercy  
we have been born anew  
to a living hope  
through the resurrection of your Son  
from the dead.  
Once we were no people,  
but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

P: You loved the world so much  
you gave your only Son  
that the world might be saved through him.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to bring good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
sight to the blind,  
and freedom to the oppressed.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
ate with sinners, and won for you  
a new people by water and the Spirit.

P: By the baptism  
of his death and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery  
to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant.

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P: At his ascension  
you exalted him to sit at your right hand,  
where according to his promise  
he is with us always.  
With joy, we proclaim this  
mystery of our faith.

C:   
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Holy are you,  
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

P: On the night  
he offered himself up for us  
he took bread,  
gave thanks to you,  
broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

P: When the supper was over  
he took the cup  
gave thanks to you  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

P: O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking  
of the bread and raise us up  
as the body of Christ for the world.

**C: Come Holy Spirit.**

P: Through him, with him, in him,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty God,  
Now and for ever,

C:   
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

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 is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

## Communion Hymn

## ELW #493 "Taste And See"

*Refrain - All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

*Refrain*  
Lord; for God has been so good to me.

## Communion Hymn con't...

ELW #493 "Taste And See"

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us  
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered  
me; from all my trou- bles I was set free. *Refrain*  
3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo- ple. You'll want for  
noth- ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is  
good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

## 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: Let us pray.

A: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

C: Now we give ourselves for others.

A: Your love has made us a new people;

C: as a people of love  
we will serve you with joy.

A: Your glory has filled our hearts;

C: help us to glorify you in all things.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## Announcements

### Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Festive Postlude in C Dur by Paul Fey*

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### Today's celebrants:

**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Zook

**Deacon:** Kim Baratta

**Lector:** Veronica McMillion

**Greeters:** —

**Soloists:** Christine Cummins, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Ryan Alexander, Avery Sujkowski

**Choir:** Dan Lantvit, Kunying Li, Bates Larson, Maggie Larson, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

**Organist & Choir Director:** Paul D. Dykstra

## Announcements

### Sunday School

The next Sunday School session is April 19th during worship. The lesson is about communion and will be part 1 of 2. Children will hear the children's message with Pastor Zook and will then join their teachers in the gym for the lesson. Children ages 4-11 years old are invited!

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### 6th Annual Concordia Cup Golf Event

Concordia Place hosts its annual golf event on June 15th at River Forest Country Club. Golfers are wanted! If you are interested in playing, or are interested in sponsoring the golf tournament, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

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### Important Dates To Note

**April 16th:** Reception at Concordia Place on Whipple honoring Bonnie Lopez - 4 pm to 6 pm.

**April 26th:** New members received during worship at 10 am.  
Council Meeting following worship

**June 7th:** Annual Meeting of the Church

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Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at [dcontreras@concordiafaith.org](mailto:dcontreras@concordiafaith.org)

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### Opening Hymn

### ELW #386 "O Sons And Daughters, Let Us Sing"

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

### Gospel Acclamation

### ELW #172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

### Offertory Hymn

### ELW #204 "Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### Communion Hymn

### Closing Hymn

### ELW #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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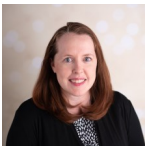
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