



ALLELUIA

**The Resurrection Of Our Lord
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Buried throughout Lent, the "Alleluia" is resurrected as a symbol of our joy and of our Lord's victory over death. Our Alleluia banners are unveiled, and "Alleluia" returns to our verses, psalms, hymns, greetings, and conclusion.

Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection as a sign of our own resurrection. Christ is raised from the dead by the power of God to end the reign of death and to give a sign of life eternal to all believers. We are a resurrected people, chosen to live by hope in God's power over death. Liturgy alone cannot convey this "fact" to our lives or bring the gospel to our reality. This day can only celebrate what is the central and deepest truth of Christian faith: **"Christ is Risen."**

This oldest of celebrations immediately became the pattern and type of all Christian festivals and celebrations. Sunday, the first day of the week, gradually replaced Sabbath observances as the chief worship of Christians. The Lord's Day became a Holy day, and every Sunday became a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

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Prelude **"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" arr. by Marianne Kim/
"Hallelujah" from "Messiah" by G.F. Händel**

Children's Message

Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Processional Hymn

ELW #365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. 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

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

Hymn of Praise con't...



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

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.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem

*“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”
“Since By Man Came Death”*

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession

*“Behold I Tell You a Mystery..”
“The Trumpet Shall Sound”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Gospel Acclamation

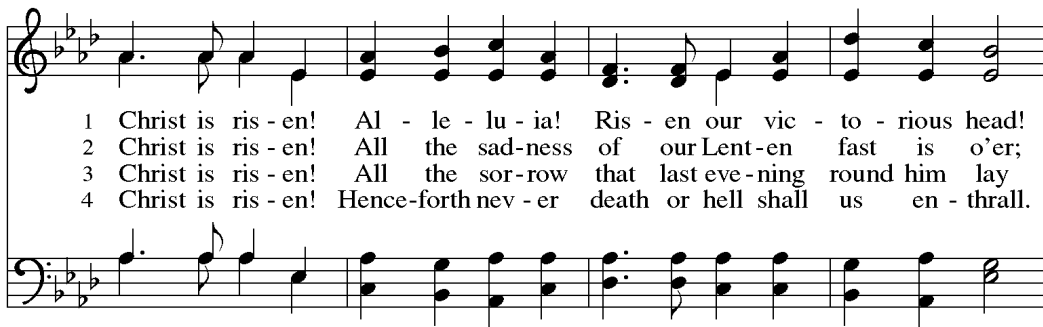
*"Then Shall Be Brought To Pass... "
"O Death Where Is Thy Sting?"*

Sermon

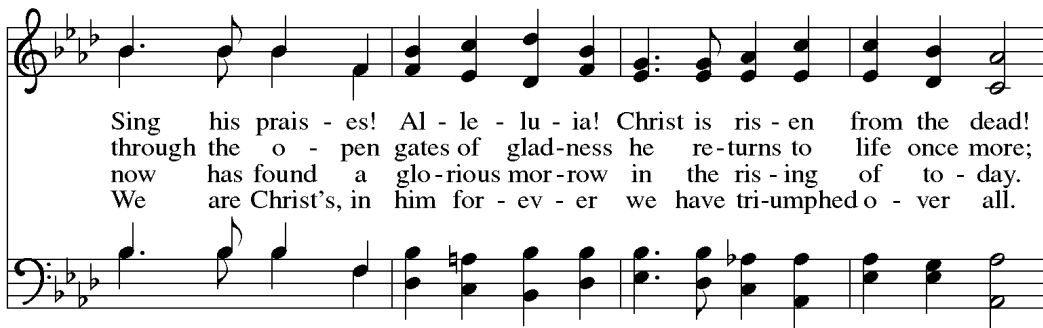
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Hymn of the Day

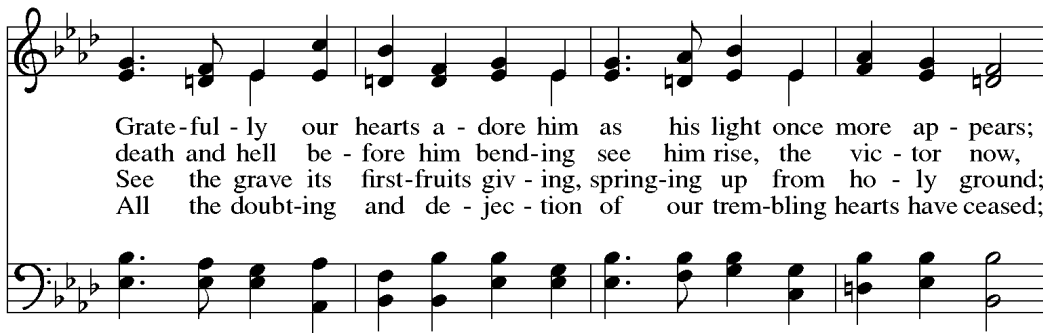
ELW #382 *"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"*



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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, 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, 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, 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.

Offertory Anthem

“But Thanks Be To God”

*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude
as we prepare for communion.*

The Offering



*Thank you for supporting our ministries with our financial gifts.
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establish a recurring gift.*

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.

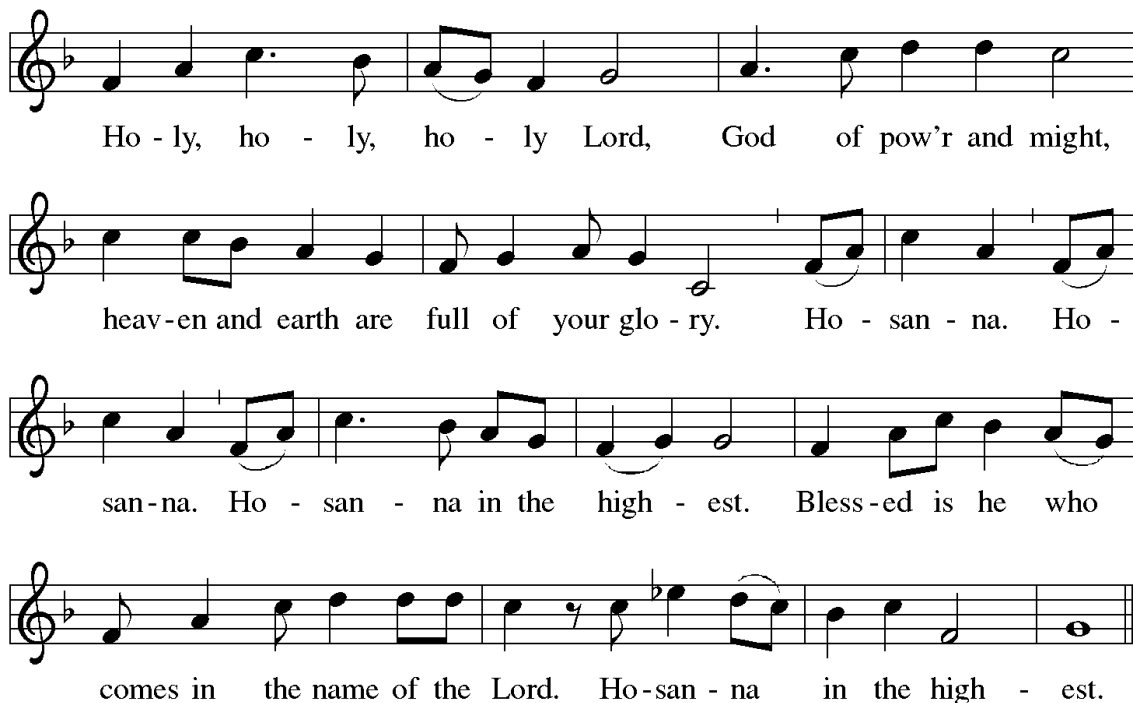
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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.

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.

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.
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 has risen.
Christ will come again.**

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

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."

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."

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.

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,
Amen

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 Anthem

"If God Be For Us..."

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 #376 "Thine is the Glory"

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Announcements

Blessing

P: May the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and who promises to lead 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

“Worthy Is The Lamb Who Was Slain”/“Amen”

Today’s celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Christina Formeller

Lector: Dan Formeller

Greeter: Bob Beach

Our Concordia Lutheran Church music team is honored to present portions from Part 2 and Part 3 of George Frideric Händel’s *Messiah* to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The oratorio was composed in 1741 to text compiled from the *King James Bible* and the *Coverdale Psalter* by Charles Jennens. First performed in Dublin in 1742 with its London premier the following year, the oratorio has gained in popularity to become one of the best-known and most frequently performed choral works in Western Music.

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The work resembles that of an early baroque opera but differs in not being in a dramatic form with no character presentations and no direct speech. Jennen's text is an extended reflection on Jesus as the Messiah called Christ. Written at first for modest vocal and instrumental forces, the work has been adapted, unfortunately, to be performed by gigantic orchestra and choral resources numbering over 800 singers! Thankfully, in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, the performance trend returns with greater fidelity to Handel's original intentions! We bring that commitment to Händel's original plan this morning.

With thanks to The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians and Minnesota Public Radio's Archives.

Musicians

Soloists:

Soprano: Sarah Collins, Christine Cummins, Kunying Li, Marisa Mladenovic, Katherine Petersen

Mezzo: Jade Dashá

Tenor: Benjamin Burney

Baritone: Carl Ratner

Choral Ensemble:

Soprano: Sarah Collins, Christine Cummins, Kunying Li, Marisa Mladenovic, Katherine Petersen, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Mezzo: Ariel Andrew, Kat Dalin, Jade Dashá, Bates Larson, Maggie Larson, Betsy Ries

Tenor: Benjamin Burney, Mary-Ann Lupa, Rodell Rosel, >ogan Van Lerberghe

Baritone: Ryan Alexander, Dan Lantvit, Carl Ratner, Avery Sujkowski

Organist: Benjamin Garcia

Strings: Midtown Strings

Kristina Zlatareva, 1st

MK Guthrie, 2nd

Megan Yeung, viola

Omkara Gil, cello

Conductor: Paul D. Dykstra

Announcements

Lenten Almsgiving

We want to extend a heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to everyone who participated in our Lenten Almsgiving program. Our mission this year was to raise money to support our neighbors in the community who need a little extra help through our work with Concordia Ministries. We are delighted to share that we raised \$700 to support our neighbors in need!

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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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You're Invited

Join us in honoring Bonnie Lopez for
her leadership in bringing
Concordia Place to Avondale.

AT 4PM, APRIL 16, 2026

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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 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

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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.

Processional Hymn

ELW #365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Hymn of the Day

ELW #382 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Offertory Hymn

ELW #204 "Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Closing Hymn

ELW #376 "Thine is the Glory"

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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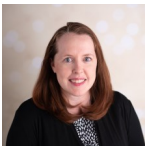
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