



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Easter season now begins to be the bridge between the Church's celebration of the crucified Christ's resurrection and the joyous coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We still forgo the Confession and Absolution because the risen incarnate Word of God's presence is the heavenly Father's ultimate testament of His loving forgiveness of our sins. Jesus is God's strong Word that bespeaks us righteous in the eyes of the Lord. For this reason we sing and laud His holy Name.



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Cantate (*Sing*) Sunday

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

(Please stand as you are able)

Invocation and Easter Verses

P: In the name of the unbegotten Father and Creator of all life; and the only begotten Son who redeems our lives from sin and death; and the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and Son to sanctify us with faith, love, and hope.

C: Amen.

P: Sing God's praises, O people of God, that the enemies of sin, death and the Devil must now submit to the crucified Christ because the Lord is Risen.

C: He is risen indeed.

P: We lift up our voices in triumphant songs of glorious worship, service, and praise, because the Lord is Risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Burst into singing Church of God, who raises us up to be His royal priesthood, who fear, love and trust Him above all things, so we rejoice and proclaim the Lord is Risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen!

Sharing the Lord's Peace

Introit

“Great is the Lord”

(Spoken)

P: Jesus told His disciples: “A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C: And again a little while, and you will see me.”

(Sung)

1. I will extol my God and King With endless songs proclaim;
This tribute daily I will bring, and ever bless Your name.
The Lord is good, new acts of grace His steadfast love supplies;
His anger moves with slowest pace, His willing mercy flies.
2. Lo, all Your works shall praise You, Lord Your honor will express;
Your saints shall never cease to sing - And You, forever bless.
My mouth will speak to praise the Lord And still sing out His fame;
And let all flesh with one accord Forever bless His Name.
3. If Christ had not been truly raised His church would live a lie;
His name should never more be praised, His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives; Through him we are restored;
His word endures, His Church revives In Christ, our risen Lord.

(Spoken)

P: Jesus told His disciples: “A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C: And again a little while, and you will see me.”

Easter Gloria

“Christ is Arisen”

Maroon Hymnal #459

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: O God and Father, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded, and desire what You promise. So that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.

P: Grant this O heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Who is risen and now reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from the eighth chapter of Acts.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:26–40

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER GRADUAL

Maroon Hymnal # 467

"Awake My Heart With Gladness"

verses 1, 2, 4

The Epistle Reading is from the fourth chapter of First John.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:1–11

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The Triple Alleluia

Maroon Hymnal pg 190

(Please stand as you are able)

C:(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

C: *(sung)* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: Jesus answered: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O risen Redeemer**

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:1–8

P: This is the Gospel of the risen Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O resurrected Savior.**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at

the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 475

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Sermon

Gathering of Tithes and Petitions

Offertory Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 487

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

verses 1, 3, 5

(Please stand as you are able for verse 5)

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

Maroon Hymnal pg 194

This is the Feast

Maroon Hymnal pg. 155

Words of Institution

P: United as Your dear children in every time and every place, chosen as loyal citizens of Your holy Kingdom, and elected as royal ambassadors of Your priesthood of believers, we pray the petitions Jesus taught us to pray....

The Lord's Prayer

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

Distribution Hymn **Maroon Hymnal # 633**
"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing" **verses 1 - 4**

Easter Nunc Dimittis (after distribution) **Maroon Hymnal # 633**
"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing" **verses 5 & 6**

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,
C: **We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. And we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You.**

P: Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son
C: **He is our Lord and our God, now risen and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, because the Lord is risen.
C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Let us go out to the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord is risen.
C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let us take up our crosses to lovingly obey our God and sacrificially serve one another, because the Lord is risen.
C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"* **Maroon Hymnal # 490**