

Sending

BLESSING:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: #674 - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

DISMISSAL **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Worship is ended—The Service begins!

After the service, please join us for Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall.



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Holy Communion 12

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission statement: "We celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and sharing His Word and caring for God's creation."



Pastor: Mary Anne Kingsborough
Pastor Emeritus: Thomas W. Rundell

Ministers:
All Members of the Congregation

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

9:30am INDOOR/Outdoor Service of Word and Sacrament

*Welcome to Concordia Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Columbia, Pennsylvania
Welcome, worshipers!*

OUTDOOR

•**TUNE TO 105.5 FM** in car or portable radio.

If using auxiliary, start your car engine often to avoid draining the battery.

•To make this a safe and enjoyable service for everyone, please follow the following guidelines:

The **bulletin and communion elements** will be available in the Communion Station as you park. Please leave elements sealed until the Words of Institution.

When asked to consume them, please peel back the very top to consume the wafer, and then carefully pull back the covering over the juice. ***Parents should help children. You may dispose of the containers.

Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box.

INDOOR Offering—Passing of the plate

At both services:

Prayer Requests - Please tell an usher or place in the Prayer Box.

Donations for the **Food Bank** will also be accepted.

Preparation for Worship

May the risen Christ who offered peace to his followers,
grant us similar favor as we worship this day.

INTRODUCTION The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

(Outside - Open Communion Elements)

P The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** / The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

[In - Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the usher. As you pass to the front, pick up a cup from the tray. Today we will receive the sacrament as you **come before the altar to kneel, if able.** Children may come forward for a blessing. After communing, continue to the side aisle to return to your seat.]

COMMUNION HYMN: #495 - We Who Once Were Dead

*When all have communed and returned to their seats,
please stand as indicated by the pastor.)*

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

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us Pray:

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C Amen.**

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

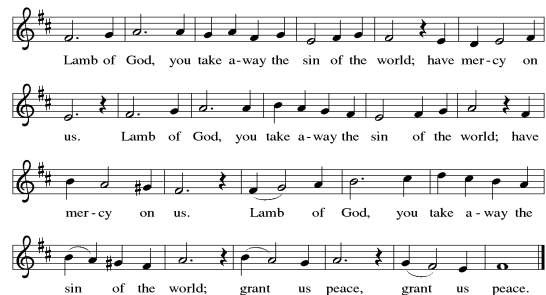
O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PLord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **C Amen.**
(Please be seated)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism *(Please stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**
Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for
us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the
deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant
rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**
At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy
Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates
of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen
Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering

Gathering Hymn: #366 - The Strife is O'er

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen! C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

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 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.

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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.

Eucharistic Prayer

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. >>>>

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated.)

The Word

OFFERING *Musical Selection*

OFFERTORY: *(Please stand as the gifts are brought forward)*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us Pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

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 Him thanks and praise.

Seasonal Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Word of God! Word of Life! **C Thanks Be To God!**

PSALM: Psalm 4

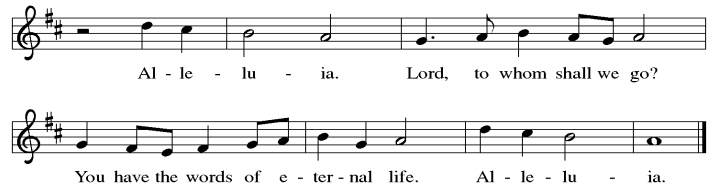
- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.
- ² **“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- ⁴ **Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- ⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ **Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ **In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be To God!**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)



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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Twenty-Fourth Chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

(Please stand after the Sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: #362 - At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

Apostles’ Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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, He 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

The Meal

Sharing of the Peace

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

Please be seated.