

HOLY COMMUNION

(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**

Post-Communion Hymn

Refrain: Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given, we eat this bread
and drink this cup until you come again.

Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. **Refrain**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us Pray: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. C Amen.

Sending

BLESSING:

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #647 - *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

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

POSTLUDE: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Tomer

The Worship is ended—The Service begins!

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 in Lent

March 15, 2020

9:30am Service of Word and Sacrament

Welcome to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbia, Pennsylvania

Welcome, worshipers!

We thank God for your presence with us! If you are a visitor attending worship, please sign our guest register near the main church entrance and know that we are happy you are with us at Concordia. Feel free to sit anywhere that you would like, and please know that any congregation member will be glad to assist you and answer any questions that you may have throughout the service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Concordia, please speak with Pastor Mary Anne.

What to Expect: The only things we ask is that you relax. You are with people that are a lot like you. Whether you have been here many times or have never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging, enlightening, and uplifting experience.

No Strings Attached: If you are a guest with us today, please don't feel you need to give any money in the offering. This service is our gift to you.

We love to have children experience and participate in worship! A children's message is offered, and children are welcomed to join the Pastor at the altar steps during this time of the service. Additionally, children's bulletins and kid packs are available from the ushers, which provide children with activities related to our lessons for the service. If, at any point in the service, you would like to utilize our nursery/children's room, please feel free to ask an usher or any congregation member, and we would be glad to help you. The service can be heard in the nursery via speakers, and an usher will ensure that you are notified when the children's message and communion are being offered, should you choose to participate.

We invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us! All baptized, believing Christians who recognize the Lord's presence in the Sacrament are invited to commune. Young children will receive a blessing. Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the usher, pick up a communion cup, and fill up the altar rail from back to front. Feel free to kneel or stand at the altar, as you are able. If you would prefer to receive communion seated in your pew please notify an usher.

To help you participate in our service, the worship liturgy is printed in this booklet. The hymns are found in the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** book, which is the red book located in the pews. **Again, please know that any congregation member would be overjoyed to help you and answer any questions that you may have before, during, and after the service, and would love to meet you and talk with you!**

Preparation for Worship

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again. (John 4:42, 15)

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

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CChrist has died. **C**hrist is risen. **C**hrist will come again.

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**ome, Holy Spirit.

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**ome, Holy Spirit.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, 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 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Seasonal Preface

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

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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

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.

INTRODUCTION In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Lenten Prayer Johnston

Confession and Forgiveness (*Please stand*)
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of **+** Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering

GATHERING HYMN: #335 - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

GREETING:

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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
Merciful God, the fountain of living
water, you quench our thirst and
wash away our sin. Give us this
water always. Bring us to drink
from the well that flows with the
beauty of your truth through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

The Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

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

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

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us Pray. ..Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your
goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may
know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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. | |

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those whom we name before you now, either aloud or in the silence or our hearts,

(pause)

Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Meal

Sharing of the Peace

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

(Share the peace with those around you, greet visitors and be seated.)

OFFERING

At Rest

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PSALM: Psalm 95

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- ⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- ⁸**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- ⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not
know my ways.'**
- ¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

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

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Lenten Acclamation



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The Holy Gospel according to John, the Fourth Chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

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 #611 - *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams (*local water sources may be named*). Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**