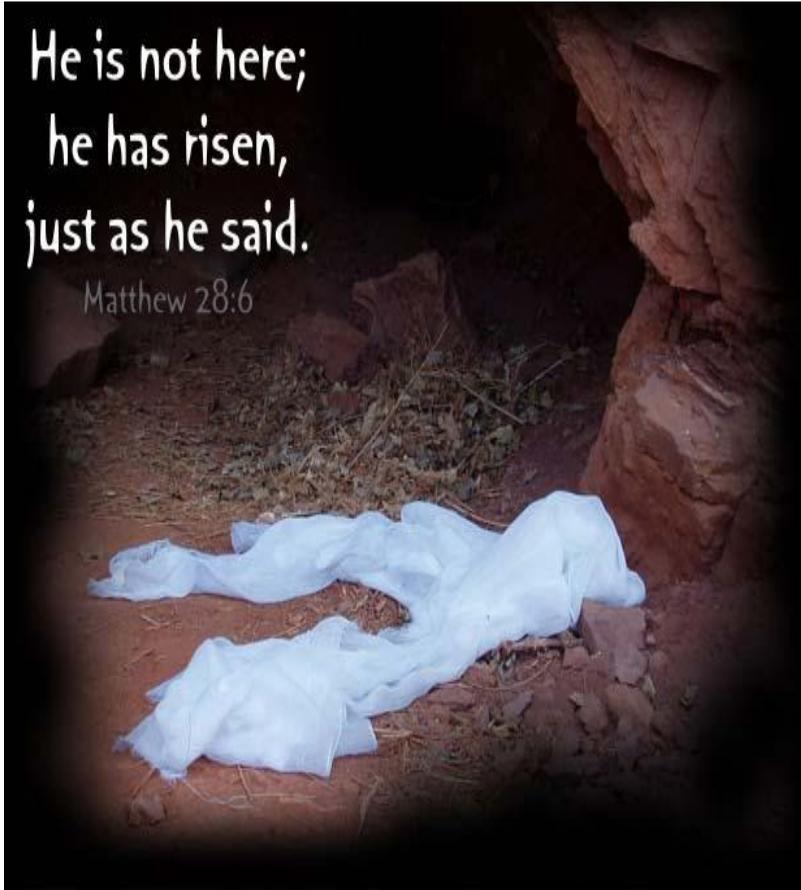


*Concordia Lutheran Church
Machesney Park, IL*

He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6



*Second Sunday of Easter
April 30-May 1, 2011*

WORSHIP INFORMATION

8:00 am

Service: page 158

Hymns: 147, TLH 208, 141, 138

5:00 pm & 10:30 am

Songs: "Once Again"

"Jesus, We Celebrate Your Victory"

"Peace be Yours"

"Feed My Lambs"

"My Redeemer Lives"

Introit: Psalm 148

P: Praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P: ²Praise him, all his angels;

C: praise him, all his hosts!

P: ³Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars!

P: ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,

C: and you waters above the heavens!

P: ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!

C: For he commanded and they were created.

P: ⁶And he established them forever and ever;

C: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P: ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

C: you great sea creatures and all deeps,

P: ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,

C: stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P: ⁹Mountains and all hills,
C: fruit trees and all cedars!

P: ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
C: creeping things and flying birds!

P: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C: princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: ¹²Young men and maidens together,
C: old men and children!

P: ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C: his majesty is above earth and heaven.

P: ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
C: for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of Your grace bring for the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the

Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now

for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and

my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon Notes

"Our Risen Savior: Our Real Easter Gift"
John 20:19-31

1. What gift is this?
 - a. Verse 19: " _____ be with you."
 - b. This is a _____ gift
2. How is this gift perfected for us?
 - a. Verse 20: "He showed them His _____ and His _____."
 - b. This gift is _____ with Christ's resurrection.

Please Remember in Prayer

Lord, You have seen fit to allow times of medical difficulty to fall into the lives of some of our members and friends. We pray Your blessing for **Charles Bailey, Gene Bartelt, Ruby Campisi, Myron Guthrie, Ron Jensen II, Robert Knope, Jenna Martin, Fred Miessler, Dorothy O'Brien, Pat Picavet, Naomi Schewe, and Evelyn Serdar.** Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Some within this body of believers no longer can join us in worship. We pray Your gift of peace and joy for our shut-in members: **Dorthea Corey,**

Irene Daer, and Lorraine Fuhrer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The community known as Concordia consists of many individuals and families. We pray Your Spirit to guide growth and blessings for **Stan & Eileen Gifford, Matt, Kaia, Sara and Paxson Gottschalk, and Steven, Sandra & Robbie Gough.** Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

This week has brought extreme suffering and tragedy to many in this nation as tornado's ripped through a number of states, leaving hundreds dead and thousands homeless. We pray, O Lord, that You would send Your holy angels to protect all who are involved in the cleanup process, Your people to walk with those in crisis, and Your Spirit to encourage and uplift those traumatized by these events, we pray: Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thousands within our nation serve our society faithfully each day, often in the face of great stress and danger. We pray Your hand of protection for both the physical and mental health of all who are serving in times and places of danger. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

60th Anniversary



In 1952, by joint declaration of both houses of Congress, President Harry Truman signed a declaration that each year our nation shall observe a “National Day of Prayer.” In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed an amendment to that law, making the first Thursday of May

“National Day of Prayer.” We will honor the National Day of Prayer with a special worship service **this Thursday at 7:00 PM**. All are invited. Bring your friends and family, let’s celebrate and thank the Lord for our nation, and pray for those who lead us as a nation.

Worship Next Weekend

Thursday – National Day of Prayer – the theme this year is “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Psalm 91:2.

The readings for next weekend, the Third Sunday of Easter, also Mother’s Day are: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25 and Luke 24:13-35. The message for the weekend is entitled: “Stay with Us, Jesus” and is based on the words of Luke 24:28-29.

As We Worship This Weekend

5:00 PM

Keyboard: Elaine Grimes
Acolyte: Savana Schubert

8:00 AM

Organist: Elaine Grimes
Lector: Don Klein
Elder: Austin Burns
Communion: Mary Jo Shickles
Sandy Hubbard
Usher Team: #2 Clark
Acolyte: Caleb Anderson

10:30 AM

Keyboard: Elaine Grimes
Lector: Barb Stenzel
Elder: Jerrold Monson
Communion: Alan & Doreen Speigler
Usher Team: #7 Massier
Acolyte: Ellie Gritzmacher

Next Weekend – May 7-8, 2011

See List posted in Narthex

Notes and Information

Week of May 1-7, 2011

Statistically Speaking

Attendance Last Weekend:	47+102 =148
Maundy Thursday:	69
Good Friday:	86
Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,848.05
Lent Offering (4/24):	\$25
Maundy Thursday Offering:	\$622
Good Friday Offering:	\$628
Debt Fund:	\$90

Calendar for This Week

Today:	8:00 & 10:30am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Bible Study, Sunday School, & Confirmation Class
Mon.:	9:00 am	Bible Study
Tues:	6:30 pm	Education Team Mtg.
Wed.:	6:00 pm	Prayer Time
Thurs.:	9:00 am	LWML Quilting
	7:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	National Day of Prayer
Sat.:	9:30 am	LWML Meeting
	5:00 pm	Worship Service
Sun.:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Bible Study, Sunday School, & Confirmation Class

Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/7 Carol Lindstrom

Anniversaries

5/1 Ben & Jennifer Whitt

5/7 Steven & Sandra Gough

Announcements

1. **Thank You:** We had 83 children come out on that cold, rainy day. Everyone had a good time. Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and candy for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, and all the volunteers that helped stuff eggs, set-up, supervise, and clean-up. We couldn't have done it without you. Kathy

2. **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:**



Concordia Lutheran will 'hop' into another rummage sale this year. Now is a great time of the year to plan for our spring rummage sale because about this time of year we start spring cleaning and try to eliminate things we don't want or use any longer. Some of our reusable items might be good candidates to be set aside for the church rummage sale. Your items will be greatly appreciated. **Our sale is held each year on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following Memorial Day. This year – that will be on June 2, 3 & 4.** Items are normally received in our gymnasium on the Tuesday & Wednesday before the sale – however, some pre-sale storage is available upon request. We do offer pickup service – if needed. We also provide receipts for tax purposes upon request. Please consider volunteering your time – if only for a few hours. Our church (your church) can definitely use the help. The funds will help sustain our church efforts. If you haven't helped in the past, please consider this as an invitation to help your church this year. More info will follow. You can call Alan or Doreen Spiegler at 815-623-9821.

3. **LFL Quote:** "True love, as demonstrated by God in Christ, considers what is best for another before considering what is best for self. Making an adoption plan for a baby is an act of great love. Certainly, parenting may be a loving option, especially if there is maturity and levels of support. But love asks what is best for the baby." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Concordia Lutheran Church Financial Report

May 1, 2011

From Bill Strong, Treasurer and Harold Huber, Business Manager

Chapter 11 requires that we try to pay bills as we receive them each week. On bill paying nights we need to pay a bill prior to listing the bill below. Any help with payment will be a great help in keeping current. Thank you again for your continued support of Concordia!

Account	Amount	Due	Status
Week 1			
AT&T Basic Service	\$291.81	4/5	P
Concordia Publishing (Luth Witness)	\$7.50	4/14	D
Concordia Publishing House	\$18.49	7/1	D
Church Budget (church envelopes)	\$388.40	4/28	D
Market Place of the Master (S.School)	\$210.48	3/30	D
Market Place of the Master (church)	\$56	4/23	D
Market Place of the Master (church)	\$11.97	4/24	D
North Park Public Water	\$61.40	4/20	P
Week 2			
A+ Printing (Envelopes)	\$59.80	4/15	P
Attorney Fee (Ch 11)	\$2,000	4/15	P
AT&T Global (equipment)	\$64.71	4/15	P
Com Ed	\$995.56	4/28	P
Concordia Publishing House	\$25	4/15	P
Excelon Energy (gas)	\$1,316.88	4/19	P
Fabry (Organ Service)	\$255	4/15	P
Geo Star Mechanical (heating service)	\$308.65	4/20	P
Week 3			
AT&T Basic Service	\$295.70	5/6	P
Emperical Tech Works (server tape)	\$44.90	4/30	P
Week 4			
Church Mutual Insurance	\$2,178.68	5/1	P
Geo Star Mechanical	\$115	5/5	P
Pro Source	\$628	5/5	P
CH 11, US Trustee	\$975	4/27	P
Concordia Publishing (Luth Witness)	\$7.50	5/15	P

STATUS KEY: U = Unpaid P = Paid D = Donation

Our Mission



“Serving Christ from Cradle to Crown”, faithfully communicating the saving Word of God, and providing excellence in ministry for the benefit of all people of all ages, is the mission of Concordia.

About Holy Communion

Receiving Holy Communion is a privilege. Scripture warns that we are not to take it without properly preparing ourselves (1 Corinthians 10:27). Scripture clearly teaches that Communion consists of bread and wine with the body and blood of Christ present in a sacramental union. All who are Communicant members of an LCMS congregation are welcome to partake. Others are asked to please visit with our pastor or one of our Elders prior to participating. Grape juice is available for those who cannot have wine. It is in the center cups of each tray. Those desiring a blessing from the pastor, but not Communion are asked to place two fingers over their lips to alert the servers of their desire.

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