



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Welcome to Concordia Lutheran Church

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 21-22, 2011*

WORSHIP INFORMATION

8:00 am

Service: page 158

Hymns:

- "Now All The Vault of Heaven" # 131
- "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" TLH 496
- "For All the Saints" # 191
- "At The Lamb's High Feast" # 126 v. 1-6
- "At The Lamb's High Feast" # 126 v. 7-8

10:30 am

Songs: "Lead Me to the Cross"

"Father Me, Again"

"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"

"Here is Bread"

"He Who Began A Good Work"

Concordia Choir

"Brother James' Air"

Joyful Singers (10:30 service)

"Glory to God Forever"

INTROIT/PSALM 146

P: Praise the LORD!

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C: **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P: Put not your trust in princes,
C: **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

P: When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
C: **on that very day his plans perish.**

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C: **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

P: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
C: **who keeps faith forever;**

P: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
C: **The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

P: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
C: **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

P: The LORD watches over the sojourners;
C: **he upholds the widow and the fatherless,**

P: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
C: **The LORD will reign forever,**

P: your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C: **Praise the LORD!**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Collect For Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to Your people that they may love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and

Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the

cornerstone,”⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the

Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Sermon Notes

“ATTENTION: LEADERS NEEDED”

Text: Acts 6:1-9

1. The Church needs men and women who are willing to lead.
2. God equips leaders for His Church.

Please Remember in Prayer

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

Heavenly Father, when You created humanity, there was no disease or sickness or sorrow. In the fall all difficulties, including medical ones, entered this world. In Your amazing grace, You provide healing and restoration of health, when that is the right gift to give. Today, we pray the blessing of

healing be granted, if it is Your will, to **Charles Bailey, Gene Bartelt, Ruby Campisi, Myron Guthrie, Ron Jensen II, Robert Knope, Jenna Martin, Fred Miessler, Irv Muenster, Dorothy O'Brien, Pat Picavet, Naomi Schewe, and Evelyn Serdar:** Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

In the perfection of creation there was no aging process. Humanity was designed to live forever on this beautiful planet. In the fall, aging and all the challenges associated with it came into being. We commend to Your merciful care, those who have health conditions that prevent them from being able to worship in Your house, **Dorthea Corey, Irene Daer, and Lorraine Fuhrer.** Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

When You placed Adam and Eve in the Garden, You commanded the creation of family with the words "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." The perfect couple, however, chose to sin, and in doing so created all kinds of difficult challenges for family life. We pray Your presence, Your guidance, and Your blessing on all who make up this body of believers. Be the ever present Guest with **Rita Hedlund, Lydia Hein, and Brad & Judy Heinrich.** Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

At creation, there was no need for governance, for perfection is the absence of sin. Since the fall, government has been needed. In its origin and in its Constitution, the Government of this nation is very good. It

protects and provides for the free expression of ideas, including free expression of one's faith. We pray that these rights, along with all other rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution might be protected. We pray also for all who serve our nation in places of danger, that Your angels would watch over them, and that You would give them wisdom and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

As We Worship This Weekend

5:00 PM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Acolyte: Cole DeLacy

8:00 AM

Organist: Elaine Grimes
Lector: Jeff Kobernat
Elder: Walt Haight
Communion: Linda Jones/Janet Phillips
Usher Team: #1 O'Brien
Acolyte: Caleb Anderson

10:30 AM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Lector: Kris Molitor
Elder: Larry Stenzel
Communion: Larry & Barb Stenzel
Usher Team: #6 Swan
Acolyte: Joey Rigotti

Next Weekend – May 28-29, 2011

See List posted in Narthex

Worship Next Weekend

Next weekend is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Memorial Day Weekend, and "Armed Forces Sunday." The readings for next weekend are: Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. The Message for the weekend is based on notes provided for Armed Forces Sunday and is based on the words of Psalm 6. The message is entitled, "How Long, O Lord?"

Notes and Information

Birthday and Anniversary

Birthdays

5/24 Dolly Massier
5/27 John Phillips & Lorraine Scott

Anniversaries

5/26 Alan & Doreen Spiegler

Statistically Speaking

Attendance:	18 + 57 + 130 = 205
Sunday Attendance:	25
Tithes and Offerings:	\$4,640.25
Sunday School Offering:	\$13
Debt Fund:	\$85

The Calendar – May 22-28, 2011

Today:	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:20 a.m.	Sun. school/ Bible class
Mon:	9:00 a.m.	Bible study
		No School
Tues:		School Field Day
	6:30 p.m.	Elders
Wed:	9:00 a.m.	Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer time
Thurs:	9:00 a.m.	LWML Quilters
	5:30-8:30 pm	School/ECC Picnic
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Fri:	9:00 a.m.	Awards Ceremony
		Last Day of School
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Young at Heart Parade
	5:00 p.m.	Worship

Rummage Sale Set-Up begins 5/31

Please Read the Following Notes

1. **Assistance Needed:** It is so easy to step aside and let others lead. Right now there are a number of opportunities which exist to be more actively involved in the life of Concordia. They include: **Lectors** – the Lector’s read the first two lessons at the services. Anyone high school or above, who would like to be a Lector, please call the Church office and let us know. **Communion Assistants** – We try to have two people to assist with Communion at each Sunday service. We also use, when available, one assistant on Saturday evening. If interested, please talk to Pastor or call the church office. **Ushers** – the Ushers assist with worship, handing out bulletins, greeting all who arrive, collecting the offering, and cleaning up after the service. Speak to any of the Ushers or call the Church office to become involved.
2. **Elder Team:** The Constitution states that the Elder Team shall consist of nine men who are active and well respected in the congregation. Currently we are three short of having a full team. If you would be interested in being an Elder, see Pastor Mumm or Walt Haight.
3. **Voter’s Assembly Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Voter’s Assembly is scheduled for **Sunday, June 5**, between the morning services. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows: (1) Opening Prayer; (2) Financial Report; (3) Election of MLB

Members for the coming year. Two positions are due to be elected this year. We have two candidates willing to serve, if you would like to be considered for a position on the MLB, contact Jeff Kobernat or Pastor Mumm. (4) Motion to revise Bylaw I.A.1 – regarding the date of the Annual meeting. Currently the Bylaw reads that the meeting shall take place in May. This has proved quite problematic, especially since budget is to be presented at this meeting. The proposal is to change the date to October. (5) Comments on emerging from Bankruptcy. (6) Adjournment/Benediction.

4. **Craft Night:** The Craft night for May has been cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday. Our next craft night will be June 17th. All are welcome—please join us!
5. **VBS:** Our VBS will be July 24-28. We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Doreen DeLacy @ (815) 979-6311.
6. **Burger/Brat Day:** Our Burger/Brat Day will be Saturday, June 11th from 11-4. We need volunteers. In conjunction with the Burger/Brat Day, our school & preschool will hold an open house that same day from Noon-3. If you are interested in helping out, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office @ 815.633.4983.

7. **Rummage Sale:** The Annual Rummage sale is just two weeks away. The collection of items has already begun. We will need volunteers to help with the set-up which begins this week. Please consider donating your gently used/new items that you no longer want/need. The proceeds from this sale will benefit the youth programs within Concordia. If you have large items to donate, or want to donate and just need the items picked up, please contact Alan & Doreen Spiegler @ 815-623-9821 or the Church Office @ 815-633-4983.

8. **Rockford Lutheran Schools:** Board of Directors is seeking one or two people from Concordia to serve on their Board of Directors for the coming school year. Requirements of the position would be (1) to represent Concordia at the June 20 Delegate meeting; (2) to represent Concordia at the monthly Board meetings; and, (3) to provide reports to Concordia via the Bulletin and/or Web-site. If you have a strong interest in Rockford Lutheran High School, we would urge you to consider this opportunity. Please contact Pastor Mumm if you are interested.

9. **Golf Play Day:** The Rockford Lutheran 11th Golf Play day is scheduled for June 8 at Timber Pointe Golf Course in Poplar Grove. Registration and driving range opens at 11:30 a.m. with tee off at 12:45. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. Cost is \$90 a player which includes golf, cart and

dinner. Dinner only - \$20. To register by June 1, call 815-262-5336 or email pkellen@rockfordlutheran.org.

10. **LWML Collection:** The Lutheran Womens Missionary League is gathering donations of items for the needy which will be taken to the convention being held June 23rd through the 26th. Your Gifts from the Heart will be given to agencies in the Peoria area and to Orphan Grain Train. Our LWML ladies have chosen to ask for your help in donating the following items for men. Please place them in the collection box in the narthex. Men's Socks, Stick Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Toothbrush, and Bar Soap. Monetary donations would gladly be accepted. Thank you for your participation.

11.  Let Egg Harbor Café do the cooking while you enjoy family and friends at a special benefit for the Rockford Area Pregnancy Care Center Friday JUNE 10th - 4 – 8 p.m. Egg Harbor Café 1603 North Alpine Rd. Rockford, IL 61107. For more information, please contact Karen Laabs @ 815.997.1200 or visit www.rapcc.org.

12. **LFL Quote:** “Jesus’ own glorious resurrection offers the absolute assurance that because He lives, all who acknowledge Him as Savior will also live (John 14:19).” *Ken. R. Klaus,*

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.

Holy Communion



It is the custom of Concordia to offer Holy Communion in most of our worship services. If you are a Baptized and Confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation you are welcome to partake. If you are

not an LCMS member, we ask that you refrain from partaking until you have visited with our pastor. We believe what the Bible says about Communion to be correct and true, namely that we receive with the bread and wine the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the assurance of life eternal. We also believe that this sacrament should only be received by those who share in this Biblical belief.

Distribution of Communion

Distribution of the wine is by common or individual cup. The center cups of the individual tray contain grape juice for those who for medical reasons cannot have the wine. Those desiring a blessing from the pastor, but not communing, are asked please place 2 fingers over their lips to alert the servers of their desire.

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