



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025

# Announcements for April 6, 2025

Sunday (6)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (7)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (8)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (9)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service
Sunday (13)	Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group

**Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!**

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance:50    Planned Returning: \$3,319    Actual Returning: \$643    YTD: (\$2,232)**

**Altar flowers this week are given by Gary & Judy Trimpe in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary and Congratulations!**

**EASTER LILIES – Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. Lilies are \$10 each and the forms are on the Welcome Desk. Orders & payments are due TODAY! Thank you!**

**You're invited to our annual Easter Breakfast hosted by the Youth Group following Easter service. Youth will be preparing breakfast (ham & cheese egg bake, veggie egg bake, ham, cheese, and veggie egg bake, breakfast pastries, assorted fruit, cereal, and beverage) There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to help by donating items needed for breakfast. You may drop off any donations in the kitchen on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please join us for our last Mid-week Lenten Service on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – “The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things”**

## **Holy Week Worship Services:**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday, April 18 – Worship service 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 20 – Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 am (one service only)**

**Easter Breakfast following worship service – everyone is welcome**

**Join Swedesburg Lutheran Church for a FREE concert on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm celebrating Star Wars Day** with a celebration of organ music from the big screen. **Jacob Sprengeler** will perform well know organ works made famous by the film industry, along with a sampling of other film favorites including some original pieces scored for the pipe organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Fund. Swedesburg Lutheran 1897 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.

**Building Healthy Families:** The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Little white lies count here, too. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent, a husband or wife relating to your spouse, or a friend relating to another friend, pledge to yourself and them to always be truthful...even (and maybe most especially) when it would be easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. Over time, it will cause the relationship to suffer from a lack of trust. Honest words spoken in love build up relationships. *“We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right.” (Proverbs 12:13)* **Lutheran Family Service**  
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**St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel**, your campus ministry at The University of Iowa, presents **Variety! An Evening of Talented Performers and Delectable Desserts**. The event will take place at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 E. Court St., Iowa City, on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our annual LCMSU teaching weekend (Theologian in Residence) and for future servant event trips. Tickets are: Adults - \$10 Students and Children - \$7 2 and under – Free. Tickets are available at St Paul's Chapel. You may reserve your tickets and pick them up the night of the show by sending an email to [stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com) subject line VARIETY! In the email, please indicate the number of tickets you need. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please note: Advance ticket sales and reservations are most appreciated and will help assure ample desserts and seating.

## Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

### 644 The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
**your blessing be on your people!**

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
**my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

I cried aloud to the LORD,  
**and he answered me from his holy hill.**

I lay down and slept;  
**I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
**who have set themselves against me all around.**

**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.**

Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
**your blessing be on your people!**

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

**1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?**

- 2 He came from His blest throne  
 Salvation to bestow;  
 But men made strange, and none  
 The longed-for Christ would know.  
 But, oh, my friend,  
 My friend indeed,  
 Who at my need  
 His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way  
 And His sweet praises sing;  
 Resounding all the day  
 Hosannas to their King.  
 Then "Crucify!"  
 Is all their breath,  
 And for His death  
 They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
 What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run,  
 He gave the blind their sight.  
 Sweet injuries!  
 Yet they at these  
 Themselves displease  
 And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suffering goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

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## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

### 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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