



**“Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 16, 2023**

**11:00AM**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN**

**“This Joyful Eastertide”**

**482**

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*1 Corinthians 15:54–57*

**P** “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory?”

**C** “O death, where is your sting?”

**P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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 to 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## **“In Thee Is Gladness”**

**818**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Acts 5:29–42

Pew Bible page 1162

### SECOND READING

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:3–9

Pew Bible page 1293

*We stand.*

### ALLELUIA & VERSE



℣ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



℣ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



℣ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

℟ Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:19–31

*After the Gospel is read:*

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟ Praise to You, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY “O Sons and Daughters of the King” 470**

*St. 1, 4-5 – all*

*6 – low voices*

*7 – all*

*8 – treble voices*

*9 – all*

**SERMON**      “He’s Still Risen, But...”      Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREFACE**

**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.

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

By His rich wounds, yet visible above, those dear tokens of His passion, grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood, that we may believe and live in the hope of His life living in us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

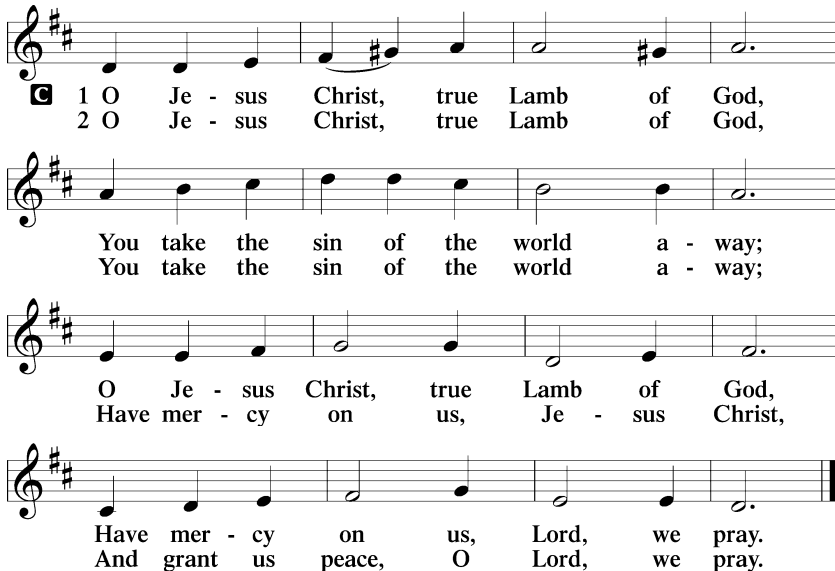
## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### AGNUS DEI



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*We sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” 720

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death” 486

*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light as to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

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## POSTLUDE