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CONCORDIA SUNDAY ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER + April 14, 2024

HYMN "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LW 355 (vs. 1-3)

- 1 Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor; good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone; He is our one redeemer.
- 2 What God did in his Law demand and none to him could render caused wrath and woe on every hand for man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires the spirit of the law requires, and lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream that God his law had given that sinners could themselves redeem and by their works gain heaven. The Law is but a mirror bright to bring the inbred sin to light that lurks within our nature.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.
- P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and did not cover my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: God forgives the guilt of your sin. It is my duty and delight to announce to you the full forgiveness of all your sins because of the shed blood of Christ and His empty tomb. He was delivered over for our sins and raised again for our justification. These promises are yours in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: O God, You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- P: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in Him.
- C: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God of mercy and might, although You have an entire universe to govern and uphold, You still call us by name and give us infinite value. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may all the more have the faith to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Your love for us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LW 355 (vs. 4-6)

4 Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation, each Christian there-fore may be glad and build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, for you have paid my ransom.

- 5 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing; and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.
- 6 All blessing, honor, thanks and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit, the God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit. O triune God in heaven above, You have revealed your saving love; Your blessed name we hallow.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

C: (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? LW p. 164 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON: "I Have Redeemed You; I Have Called You by Name, You are Mine" text: Isaiah 43

HYMN "I've Called You By Name" Concordia St. Paul's 2023-24 Theme Hymn

1 "Do not fear, my child, for I've redeemed you; I've called you by your name, and you are Mine. When you pass through waters, I am with you;

I've called you by name, and you are Mine."

2 "Even though you've burdened Me with sinning, And wearied Me with your iniquity, I will make for you a new beginning, And do a new thing that shall set you free!"

3 "I, the LORD, have sent My Son, your Savior, Into your fallen world to live and die. From His saving work He did not waver. He died, yet rose, and reigns in heav'n on high!"

4 "When you walk through fire it shan't consume you. For I, the LORD your God, am at your side. Then recall My promises will come true; With Me you will forevermore abide!"

- 5 "Should you feel you're spent, alone, or frightened, When faith in Me seems like it's slipped away, Know your faith won't fade, but will be brightened, And strengthened by My Spirit's pow'r each day."
- 6 "Do not fear, my child, for I redeemed you; I call you by your name, and you are Mine. Through baptismal grace, I'm ever with you; I know you by your name, and you are Mine!"
- 7 "Praise to God the Father, LORD Creator; Praise to LORD Jesus Christ God's only Son; Praise to God the Spirit, faith's curator; Praise to the wholly gracious Three-in-One! Amen!"

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Father of mercy and God of all comfort, we thank and praise You that in Holy Baptism You claim us as Your own. We rejoice that You say,
- C: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."
- P: You look upon our frailties and faults, yet still say,
- C: "You are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you."
- P: You not only have eyes for us, Your heart is also full of eternal love for us. Our Savior has said,
- C: "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you."
- P: What is more, gracious God, You have ears for us, because Christ our Lord promises,
- C: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
- P: And in the Holy Supper You give us the true body and blood of Christ, for His words of institution are sure and certain.
- C: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins."
- P: Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us especially ______ and these others whom we name in this moment of silence ... Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know Him, trust Him, obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

- P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

LAMB OF GOD LW p. 172

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LW 297

- A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "On Eagles' Wings" LSB 727

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
- (Refrain) And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray, O God the Father, You are the fountain and source of all goodness, in loving kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake us, Your children, but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. C: Amen.

HYMN "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LW 224

- 1 Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your seed, your chosen host.
 Buried with Christ and dead to sin, I have your Spirit now within.
- 2 My loving Father, here you take me hence forth to be your child and heir; my faithful Savior, here you make me the fruit of all your sorrows share; O Holy Ghost, you comfort me though threatening clouds around I see.
- 3 O faithful God, you never fail me; Your covenant surely will abide. Let not eternal death assail me should I transgress it on my side! Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly, receive it all, O Lord, from me. Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone.

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FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP. Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, a changing table, and bathroom.

<u>BIBLE BAGS</u> are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring back to church for future children to enjoy.

ACOLYTES Early: Bryce Stern & Karsyn Hass, Late: Cecilyah Timm

GREETER Early: Barb Flees, Late: Lana & Rick Bonikowske

CAMERA Megan Timm

<u>USHERS</u> Early: Greg Kamke, Brian Elmhorst & Taylor Vaughan Late: Erich Hintz, Roger Suehs & Tim Drath, Monday:

STUDENT USHERS Early: Jensen Timm & Alyssa Zemple Late: Dave Helgeson & Connor Fuhs

ALTAR GUILD Early: Judy Bartel & Carol Schuelke Late: Karen Cady & Jeanne Sager, Monday: Gail Schertz

FELLOWSHIP Linda Much

ATTENDANCE Last Week Sunday Early—187 + Late-83 + Monday - 17 = 287

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD April 8th deposit \$8,319.67. General—\$6,280.50; Loose Offering - \$320.25; Fellowship - \$30.00; Cards - \$5.00; School - \$1,309.82; Hot Lunch - \$374.10; EFT's Scrip School—\$282.78; Scrip Church - \$311.81; Thrivent Choice School - \$197.00; Thrivent Choice Church - \$720.00.

PASTOR REICHLE CONSIDERING CALL TO ALEXANDRIA, MN. Zion Lutheran Church and School voted on April 7th to call Pastor Reichle to be their senior pastor. Please pray for him, his family, St. Paul here in Manawa, and Zion there in Alexandria. Pastor welcomes your conversation and counsel. I am sorry to share this unwelcome news.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY we'll be looking at what the Bible says about forgiveness and judgment. Why does God forgive us? What does it look like to forgive those who have hurt us? What does it mean to not judge others? Join us in the Youth Room Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Talk to Deaconess Christiana if you have questions: christianaewert@gmail.com or 414-218-9478.

FOR SALE – ALL OCCASION HOMEMADE CARDS in the hallway by the fellowship room. \$2 each or 3 for \$5, all money from the card sales will be donated to the church & school.

SCRIP PROGRAM has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours. March % for Church General Fund was \$311.81 (which includes 1/2% from School), March % for School Education Fees was \$282.78 for a total of \$594.59.

<u>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> Women's Bible Study will now meet Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Parlor at the back of church. We are going through the book "Pew Sisters" by CPH author Katie Schuermann. Don't worry if you missed a week. You're welcome to join any time. Please bring your kids if needed! Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or christianaewert@gmail.com

BRIEF SACRAMENT SERVICE Thursday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. This is a worshipful communion service in the sanctuary as well as fellowship with other members of St. Paul. We will be bringing the communion elements to the pews where you will be sitting (in every other row). Everyone is welcome to come. After worship we will have a snack & refreshments.

THRIVENT CHOICE deposited \$197.00 into our school account. Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to our school were Kelly Beyer, Nancy Blum, Karen & Tom Helpap, Betty Klotzbuecher, & Teri Suehs. We also had a deposit of \$720.00 into our church account. Thrivent member directing Choice Dollars to our church were Ann Bonikowske, Dawn Clary, Pat Craig, Charlene Goffard, Van Johnson, Nola Kusserow, Russ Schefelker, Jeff Schefelker, Rita Schefelker, Daniel Schroeder, Carmen & Jerome Wesener, Dean & Pat Zander. Thank you to these Thrivent members for using Thrivent Choice. Choice Dollars expire, so each year before March 31st you need to contact Thrivent to direct your Choice Dollars. Check your eligibility. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and saying "Thrivent Choice."

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> Sunday, April 28th 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 sizing of gowns 4:30 p.m. in church office. Pictures & practice 5:00 p.m. in church.

THANK YOU to those who have provided lilies for the Easter decorating of the church: Ken & Judy Bartel, Garold & Sue Bartel, Rick & Kathy Bleier, Derril & Karen Cady, Dale & Nancy Ferg, Gerald & Gerry Hackbarth, Rodney & Lori Hass, Tom & Karen Helpap, Larry & Sue Jasman, LuAnn & Greg Kamke, Romayne Lindstrom in memory of son Tom & daughter Denise, Brian & Julie Mehlberg, Shirley Opperman, Dave Sarna in memory of Lester Suehs, Jenny Scheller in memory of Mary Fradrich, Barbara Schweitzer, Walter & Wendy Sztuczko, Brad & Ruth Trinrud, Bob & Laurie Van Dyke. You can take them home now if you wish to plant them in your flower bed.

<u>ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH</u> - Youth Group will meet Wednesday, April 17th, 7:00-8:30pm for a sports night in the school gym. Feel free to invite friends! If you haven't already, please fill out this Google form so that we can get you info, updates, and reminders! <u>http://bit.ly/stpaul_youth</u> Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or <u>christianaewert@gmail.com</u> with questions.

<u>MEN'S CLUB MEETING</u> Sunday, April 14 between worship services in the Dining Room to recap the Fish Fry.

AGAPE SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET Thursday, April 25th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca. Tickets are \$30.00 each, table of 6 \$180.00. Contact Agape to purchase tickets 715-942-8288. Join us for food, fellowship, speakers, and a great God. Social hour 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silent auction and raffles close at 8:00 p.m.

CAMP LUTHER SPRING WORKBEE - Once again Camp Luther in Three Lakes, is asking for St. Paul Volunteers to help with their Spring Workbee Cleanup weekend April 26th-28th. We would be leaving Manawa at 5 PM on Friday the 26th and returning Sunday afternoon the 28th. There are a variety of tasks and all tools, equipment, lodging and meals are provided by the Camp. For details call Dave Sarna (920) 470-1417 or email: sarndave@gmail.com

EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU! A big thank you to everyone that helped out with the Easter Breakfast! It is greatly appreciated; your great help makes the event run smoothly.

FUNDRAISER – The 6th-8th graders will be selling Cedar Springs Golf Course & the Pine Tree Supper Club cards until April 24th. This fundraiser helps support their trip to Six Flags and Brewer game in May. Please consider purchasing one of these \$30 cards to support our St. Paul students.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 10TH are available in back of church.

ST. PAUL QUILTERS are in need of plain colored bed sheets of any size. Thank you Quilters.

This Week's Opportunities (April 14 th – April 21 st)	
	Sunday School 3 yrs8 th grade 9:20-10:20 a.m.
	New Membership Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.
	Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Choir practice between worship
Monday	
	Women's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
	Quilting 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	
	Public School Catechism Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
	H.S. Youth Group 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Brief Sacrament Service 2:00 p.m.
Friday	May Newsletter Deadline
Next Sunday	y Worship w/Communion 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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	Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Quarterly Voter's Meeting 9:30 a.m.

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ST. PAUL **COLF OUTING &** FUNDRAISER 202

12:30 SHOTGUN START FOR 4-PERSON 9-HOLE SCRAMBLE

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- 4:00 SOCIAL HOUR
- 5:00 BUFFET DINNER
- 6:00 RAFFLE DRAWINGS AND GOLF AWARDS

\$60 PER GOLFER \$35 NON-GOLFER

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