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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.*

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 487

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Introit

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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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.

First Reading: Acts 5:29-42 (ESV)

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

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But 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. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For 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. After 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. So 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; but 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, and 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. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while,

as was necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so 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. Though 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, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 20:19-31 (ESV)


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."*

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."* And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."*

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

Eight 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."* Then 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."* Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, *"Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but 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.

Hymn of the Day	# 689
Sermon	Jesus Breathed on Them
The Rite of Confirmation	
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
 <i>During the gathering of our morning offerings, the Handchime Choir will ring "Onward Christian Soldiers".</i>	
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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Blanche Becker, John Blaisdell (Steve's brother) & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Jenny Woroniecki & Daryl Beam, united in holy marriage;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest;
- † For those confirmed today, that God would give them grace to keep the vows they make this day.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter as we gather to rejoice that Christ has overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

To instruct our children and make them firm in the Christian faith begun at their baptisms, we have the Rite of Confirmation. Today, we celebrate this Rite. Today we welcome our confirmands as communicant members in our Lord’s Church. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine as outlined in the Small Catechism, they today acknowledge and confess the gifts God has given them in their baptisms and their intention to continue steadfast in this Christian faith and church.

Today in Sunday School, the students study the story of Stephen, the first martyr. They learn how we are crushed and enraged at the accusations of God’s Law, but the Gospel comes to bring peace and quietness with the forgiveness of our sins. Talk with your children and point out that in church we hear from the pastor the same Word of God that Stephen preached: “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

LYF: Today being Confirmation Sunday, there will be no LYF meeting.

May Topic leaders will meet Tuesday, May 3, 3:15 p.m.



Save The Date: Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m., is our recognition banquet for our high school graduates and confirmands.

The Human Care project for May is collecting pasta for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, Council minutes, and “Happy Times” for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take any forms you wish.

Found: A gold cross necklace was found in church. Please talk to Pastor Heller to claim it.

KRCC HAS TALENT SO WE NEED YOU!!!!

Knife River Care Center is hosting its Second American Idol, May 11th, 6:30 p.m. and is looking for contestants for this great event. We would love to show the residents a great time, along with the great talent in our surrounding area. We believe they would enjoy seeing you share your special talents. We ask that you really think about this, and let us know ASAP if you are willing to share your talent. Please contact Sheryl Misslin, Carey VanPelt or Yvonne Seibel at 87303274.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 199 Offerings: \$4,596.00

St. Peter reminds us that because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have cause to rejoice regardless of what trials or tribulations we may face in our lives. Our hope is certain! Our inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade because it is kept in heaven for us. Praise be to Jesus, our victorious resurrected Savior!

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	Confirmation Sunday	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	3:15 pm	Topic Leaders
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours
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Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or communion attendance this morning.

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"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"
Revelation 2:10

Katlyn Rose Blaisdell

Born: October 20, 1995
Baptized: February 22, 1998 at Concordia
Lutheran Church, Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Steve & Nona Blaisdell
Sponsors: Kent & Mary Jo Larson



*Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have, for He has said,
"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Hebrews 13:5

Lucas Taylor Josund

Born: January 25, 1997
Baptized: April 13, 1997 at Holy Cross Catholic
Church, West Fargo, North Dakota
Parents: Shanán & Pam Weigum
Sponsors: David & Michelle Week



*"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not,
and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

Luke 6:37

Kylie Jean Scherer

Born: March 13, 1996
Baptized: April 7, 1996 at Concordia
Lutheran Church, Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Faron & Debbie Scherer
Sponsors: Richard & Aloha Simenson



*I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for wholeness and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Leah Lorraine Voigt

Born: February 17, 1996
Baptized: April 7, 1996 at Concordia
Lutheran Church, Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Casey & Julie Voigt
Sponsors: Chris & Janet Iverson



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

Symbols used in the Lutheran Rite of Confirmation

1. The White Robe: The white robe is a remembrance of Holy Baptism, when we “put on” the holiness and righteousness of Jesus Christ which covers our sinfulness, *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27)*. It is in baptism that we are united by faith to Christ and His eternal life becomes our eternal life. The white robe also reminds us of the white robe we will wear in heaven for eternity, *These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14)*.

2. The Red Carnation over the Heart: Each confirmand wears a red carnation over the heart. The color red is a reminder *you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (1 Peter 1:18-19)*. Worn over the heart, the red flower is a reminder that our heart is always to be filled with faith toward our Savior Jesus Christ.

3. Kneeling on Bended Knee: Kneeling is a sign of submission. Kneeling is an acknowledgment of someone greater than the person kneeling. Thus, when the confirmands (or any Christians) kneel, they are confessing before heaven and earth that God is above them and that they are God’s servants. On bended knee, the confirmands confess that they are His own and will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

4. The Laying on of the Hands: The Pastor places a hand upon the head of the confirmand and gives the confirmand a special blessing and a special passage of God’s Word. Thus, the Lord of the Church and the Church Herself through the Called Minister of Christ give special blessing to the confirmand. The Church now recognizes the confirmand as a communicant member with all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities.