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*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.
If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him,
and We will come to him to make Our home with him.
Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

Divine Service Setting One

Entrance Hymn # 605

Holy Baptism p. 268

Introit

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

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.

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Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are 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 11:1-18 (ESV)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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: Revelation 21:1-7 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. John 16:12-22 (ESV)

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

*"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, *"Is this what you are**

asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Hymn of the Day # 756

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchimes will ring "The Power of the Cross" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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Closing Hymn # 822

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.

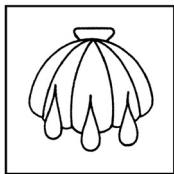
In our thoughts and prayers,

† Kim Baszler, Carmen Dschaak, Emma Gillig, Emma Tabert (Deane Weidner's mother), & Mitchell Weigum;

† Grady, Baptized today.

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!

This morning, we rejoice that Grady Leonard Elkins, the son of Stephen & Savannah Elkins, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to our Lord’s most gracious promise, Grady is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).”



Today in Sunday School, students study about the choosing of the seventy-two to go and tell others about Jesus. God chose the seventy-two to serve Him in a special task. God places us in various callings, giving us opportunities to serve Him and share our faith with others. As a family, talk about the various callings (vocations) each of you have and discuss the opportunities God gives you in these roles to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about the Savior?

1 John: Please join us this morning for Bible class as we continue our study of 1 John, learning what it means to have fellowship with God and with one another.

The Annual Meeting for Shepherd’s Hill Retreat is scheduled for May 4, 2013 at the retreat Chapel starting at 10:00 a.m. Each congregation is allowed two voting representatives to vote for Board elections. Come hear about the wonderful things going on at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads and tour our beautiful facilities. You are also welcome to stay for the Compass Club Luncheon at 12:01 p.m. free of charge. Just let us know you are coming so we can prepare enough food. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Benefit: A pancake, ham & sausage breakfast and bake sale benefit for Joel Allen is today from 9:00 am—12:30 pm at St. Joseph’s Church Hall. Joel is battling cancer of the liver.

Float: The Mercer County Fair Parade is Saturday, June 22nd. If Concordia is going to have a float in the parade, we will need a coordinator to organize it. If you are willing to coordinate a float, please talk to Jamey Backus or Pastor Heller.

Vacation Bible School: We are in need of a director for VBS. If you are willing to serve as VBS director, please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor Heller.

Baby Shower: A baby shower for Delaney Rosenow, daughter of Aaron and Anne Rosenow, has been scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, 2:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship hall. The entire congregation is invited to attend the shower to welcome Delaney into the Family of Concordia.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 126 Offerings: \$4,184.00

“Your sorrow will turn into joy.” What a promise Jesus makes! He does not say that our sorrows will merely cease, but our sorrows themselves will be turned into joy! Just as His cross was endured “for the sake of the joy set before Him,” so it is with us. One thing that often holds Christians back from faithful stewardship is fear that generous giving will lead to hardship. But if even our sorrows will be turned into joy, imagine what will the Lord do with our faithfulness!

We are the North Dakota District...

One of our Synod’s Objectives is to “recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth.” This week both of our outstanding seminaries in Ft. Wayne and St. Louis will hold call services. This is a very special time for the church, as men have been trained and equipped for ministry and now are called by specific congregations to serve as shepherds of Word and Sacrament. As these men enter the public ministry, the cross of this vocation is laid upon them, to which they need your constant and fervent prayers. This is a great time to thank your pastor for being the shepherd of your life and soul—God’s gift to you!

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 2:00 pm Rosenow Baby Shower

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Communion attendance this morning.*