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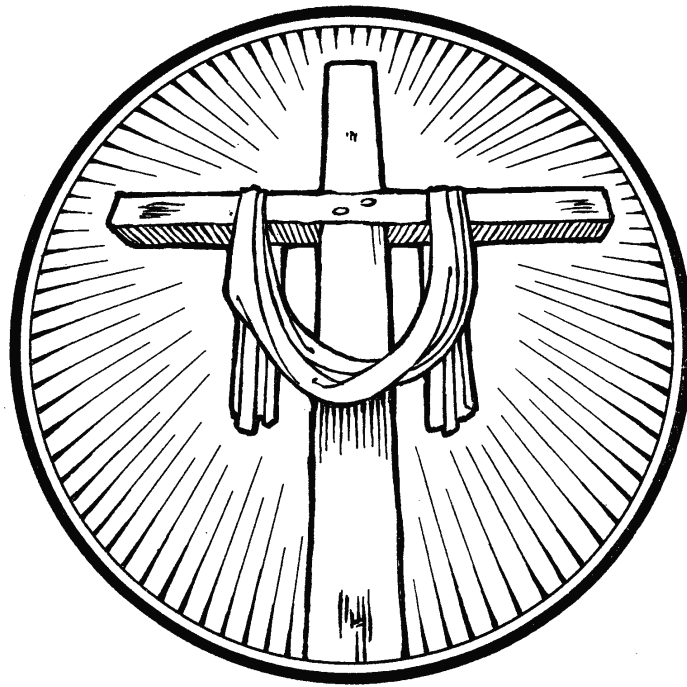
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel.*

2 Timothy 1:10b

Please rise

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn # 457

The ornaments and the paraments, previously stripped from the altar for the solemn service of Good Friday, are returned to the altar as an expression of our joy on this festival of our Lord's resurrection.

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Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Amos 9:11-15 (ESV)

"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this.

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.



The Handbell Choir will ring "The Wonderful Cross".

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.


"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18 (ESV)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "*Mary.*" She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "*Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'*" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

Nicene Creed	p. 158
Hymn of the Day	# 458 (st. 1-4, 7)
Sermon	Come to the Feast
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
	<i>During the gathering of our morning offerings, the Handchime Choir will ring "Jesus Christ is Risen Today".</i>
"What Shall I Render"	p. 159
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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,

† Stella Gramm, Cheryl Mittelsteadt, & Cole Simenson;
† Rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the empty tomb of Easter. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:57). Death and the grave have been defeated forever by the Easter resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We especially rejoice and give thanks that the resurrection of Christ means that we and all believers will rise to eternal life in Christ. As He lives, we live today and for all eternity in Him. Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

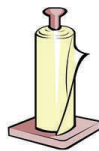


Please join us for breakfast after worship this morning. The LYF will be serving breakfast as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering this July in San Antonio. TX.

The family of Concordia would like to thank:

- † the LYF for serving breakfast this morning and all who donated and helped dye eggs;
- † those who brought Easter lilies for the altar, you are welcome to take your plant home following worship;
- † those who brought soup, sandwiches & dessert during Lent;
- † Cindy and the Bell & Chime choirs for their special music this morning and throughout Lent.

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and the Pray for Us calendar are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.



The April Human Care project is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Some items may include paper towels, Kleenex and napkins.

Hazen Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pie on Sunday, April 7th, at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00



a.m. –1:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering. All proceeds will be given to SMC and used to provide continuing excellent patient care. Supplemental income has been applied for from Oliver, Mercer Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter # 31353. We hope to see you there!

Baby Shower: The Sarah Guild will be hosting a baby shower for Grady Elkins, the son of Stephen and Savannah Elkins, on Sunday, April 14th, 2:00 p.m. The entire congregation is invited to attend the shower to welcome the new baby into the Family of Concordia.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship:122 Offerings: \$3,717.00

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” Jesus is risen! But more than that, He is risen and He still loves us, still call us by name. He is the Victor over death and the grave and He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to ring us through death to resurrection as well. Happy Easter!

We are the North Dakota District...

St. Augustine said, “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” A most blessed and joyous Easter to all of you, even as we intentionally celebrate this day of resurrection for 49 days. In the words of Luther, “This is the eternal 8th day!” This is what we are really all about as Church, isn’t it? We have life and salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All that we do as congregation, district and synod is because of this marvelous day of resurrection. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday Easter Sunday
 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Easter Breakfast
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday Church Office closed

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

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

Thursday 2:00 pm *Pastor @ Marian Manor (GU)*
 7:00 pm LWML Joint Meeting

Saturday 9:30 am— Thrivent Advocates Meeting
 12:30 pm

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

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*