

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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2nd Sunday of Easter



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

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

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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. 15:55, 57). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Rite of Blessing Chancel Candles

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord's house in all its services.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify these Chancel Candles for use in God's holy house.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless these Chancel Candles. Grant that they may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Chancel Candles and those who use them.

Amen.

*Our Chancel Candles are given in loving memory of Melvin Schlender
by Fern and his family.*

*We would also like to thank Howard Winkler for his work on the
wooden candle holders.*

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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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.

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.

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.

Kyrie

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“This is the Feast”

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Salutation & Collect

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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

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

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

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.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

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“What Shall I Render”

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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,

† Joann Dilger (Carol Hartman’s sister), Carey Fischer,
Edris Miller (Nona Blaisdell’s mother), and Ernie Riegel.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 151 Offerings: \$6.730.00

“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.”

1 Peter 1:3-4

We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

Announcements

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads brochures for their summer 2023 camps are on the table in the social hall.



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

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and April—June "*Portals of Prayer*" booklets are on the table in the social hall.

Greeters are needed for the month of May. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.



Blessing of Chancel Candles

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