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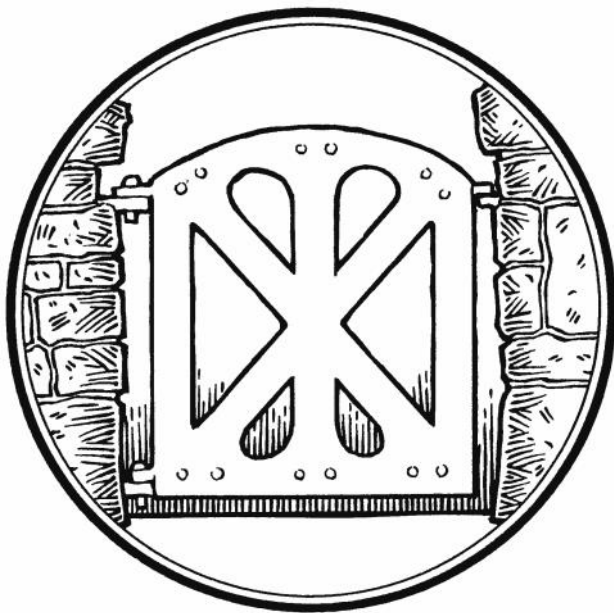
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter



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

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me.

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship on Good Shepherd Sunday.

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in the season of Easter to rejoice and find comfort in the victory our Good Shepherd Jesus won for us in His Easter resurrection. We rejoice that our Shepherd leads us through this valley of the shadow of death to the green pastures and still waters of heaven, where we will dwell forever. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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Introit

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:1-10

[Jesus says] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me,*

he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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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.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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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 and Attendance

Attendance: 75 Offerings: \$1,781.00

*“For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
so that you might follow in his steps.”*

1 Peter 2:21

Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

Announcements

Thank you to Pastor Olson for leading worship this morning.

Join us for Potluck Recognition on Sunday, May 7, 11:00 am, as we honor our 2023 Beulah High School graduates. Ham and buns will be provided.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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



Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is hosting the Turtle Mountain Outdoor Archery Shoot on Saturday, May 13th. A pulled pork dinner will be provided. An information flyer is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Lutheran Family Service: If you or someone you know is in need of Christ-centered individual, marriage, or family counseling, please consider reaching out to Lutheran Family Service for help. Contact them by calling 515-573-3138 or email LFS at info@lutheranfamilyservice.org/contact. And remember, all things are possible with God.

Greeters are needed for the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Sunday School
 * *Last day of Sunday School*
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Graduation Potluck

Church Office Hours

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

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!