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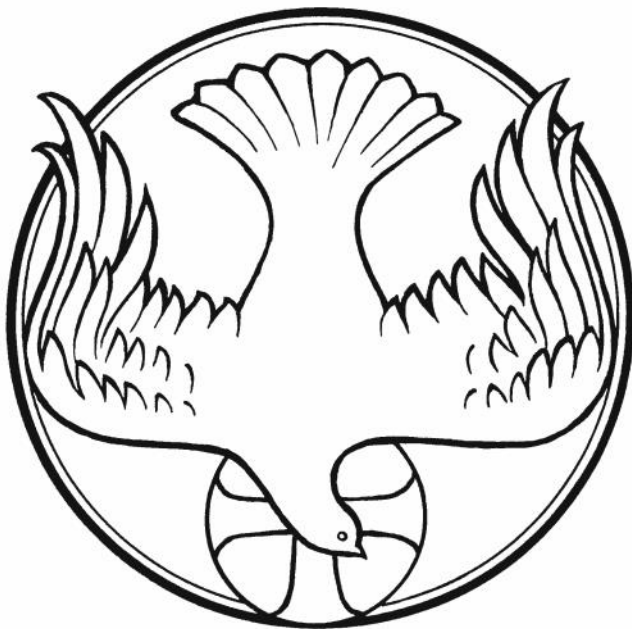
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter



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

In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship on Rogate Sunday. “Rogate” means “Ask”. The Church celebrates the Sunday before the Ascension of Christ as Rogate or Prayer Sunday. Rogate Sunday teaches us that we are the praying Church. As we focus our attention upon the Ascension of Christ, we remember that, even though He has ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, He is still our Priest, who pleads and prays for us before the Father. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

821 (st. 1-4)

Confession & Absolution

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Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Forever, O Lord, your word

is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day,

for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have given me life.

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.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

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“This is the Feast” p. 155

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way

toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to

God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 14:15-21

[Jesus says] *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”*

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Apostles’ Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 779

Sermon “I am not an orphan”

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 770, 637, 632

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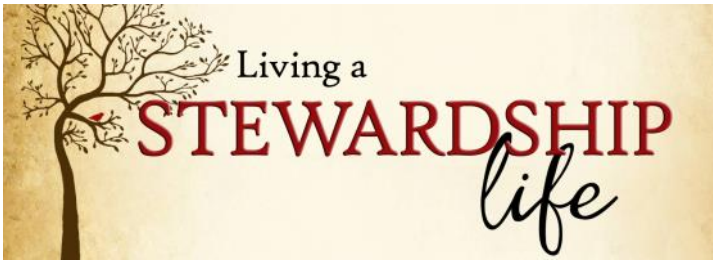
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Closing Hymn # 725

In our thoughts and prayers,



- † Joann Dilger (Carol Hartman's sister),
Carey Fischer, and Ernie Riegel;
- † Steve & Nona Blaisdell & family, on the
death of Nona's mother;
- † The gift of our mothers, that we would honor
them as God so desires we do;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may
result in an abundant harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 96 Offerings: \$4,324.51

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "love."

Announcements

On Mother's Day, we celebrate how our mothers confessed their Christian faith to us. How well it is for us to listen to the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in the explanation of the 4th commandment:



“The perversity of the world God knows very well. By means of commandments, therefore, He reminds and impels everyone to consider what his parents have done for him. Then everybody recognizes that he has been nourished

and nurtured by them when otherwise he would have perished a hundred times in his own filth. The wise men of old were right when they said ‘God, parents, and teachers can never be sufficiently thanked and repaid,’ he who views the matter in this light will, without compulsion, give honor to his parents and esteem them as those through whom God has given his all blessings” (Large Catechism).

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



The May Human Care ingathering is Pasta & Mac'n Cheese for Women's Action & Resource Center. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

Thank you to Kathy Olson, Carol Riegel, Marlene Schriefer and Julie Voigt for providing bars/cookies for fellowship in April.

† This Week at Concordia †

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

Tuesday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild

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Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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