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# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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Beulah, North Dakota

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

*I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 525

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 151

**Introit**

Hear my cry, O God,

**listen to my prayer;**

for you have been my refuge,

**a strong tower against the enemy.**

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

**you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.**

Prolong the life of the king;

**may his years endure to all generations!**

May he be enthroned forever before God;

**appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**

So will I ever sing praises to your name,

**as I perform my vows day after day.**

**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.**

Hear my cry, O God,

**listen to my prayer.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**This Is the Feast**                              p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading: Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)**

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, " 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and " 'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**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 22:1-6, 12-20 (ESV)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place. "

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 17:20-26 (ESV)

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 494 (tune: Galilean)
<b>Sermon</b>	"That They May All Be One"
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>"What Shall I Render"</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymn</b>	# 649, 493, 617
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<b>Benediction</b>	p. 166
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 492

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,**

- † Our sick and recovering: Barney Baszler, Diane Kilsdonk (Fred Oberlander's sister), & Carolyn Riegel;
- † The family of Harold Link, as they mourn his death;
- † For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

**Welcome to worship** on this last Sunday of the Easter season. This Sunday marks a unique time for the life of the Lord's church. Her Lord Christ has ascended into heaven; the promised Comforter has not yet come at Pentecost. This Sunday is known as Exaudi Sunday, which comes from the words of the Introit for today, "Hear my cry, O God". Our Ascended Lord does hear our cry. In keeping His promise, He does sanctify us in His Word, so that we may be one. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday School** the children learn that Jesus, our risen Savior, ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us there with Him (Acts 1:1–11). As a family, talk about heaven and what it will be like. Look up passages in God's Word that speak of heaven, especially look at Revelation 22. Ask the children to tell you about Jesus' ascension and what it means for them.



**Please join us at 11:15 a.m.** this morning as we recognize our confirmands and 2010 high school graduates with a potluck dinner.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from the vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in the Christian faith, Harold Link. Christian Burial was Friday, May 14, 2010. *"Because I live, you also will live (John 14:19)."*

**The Sarah Guild** will meet Monday, May 17th at the Church. Nona Blaisdell will be the Topic Leader.

**Thrivent Members:** Voting is underway to help choose how Thrivent will distribute outreach funds through the new Thrivent Choice program. Informational sheets are on the table in the social hall. Voting can be done online at [www.Thrivent.com/choicevote](http://www.Thrivent.com/choicevote) or by returning the reply card in the spring issue of Thrivent magazine.



**Vacation Bible School** will be June 6-10. Tiffany Weigum has volunteered to be our director. Please contact her if you are willing to help or if you have any questions. Enrollment forms are on the table in the fellowship hall. Please fill them out and return to Tiffany.



### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 140    Offerings: \$3,722.85

Jesus revealed to John that He was coming soon to reward each one according to what he has done. By the Spirit's power we are able to grow in our Christian service and stewardship not in order to be saved, but because we have already been saved. So in Christian confidence we say with St. John: "Amen. Come Lord Jesus!"

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Today        7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                  9:15 am    Divine Service  
                  10:15 am   Sunday School/Bible Class  
                  11:15 am   Potluck recognition

Monday       7:00 pm    Sarah Guild @ Church

Tuesday      2:00 pm    Bible Class  
                  7:00 pm    Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday   7:00 pm    Council Meeting

Sunday       7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                  9:15 am    Divine Service  
                  10:15 am   Bible Class

**Church Office Hours**

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*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.  
The cards should be filled out whether or not you  
attend Communion.  
Place completed cards in the collection plate.  
Thank you.*