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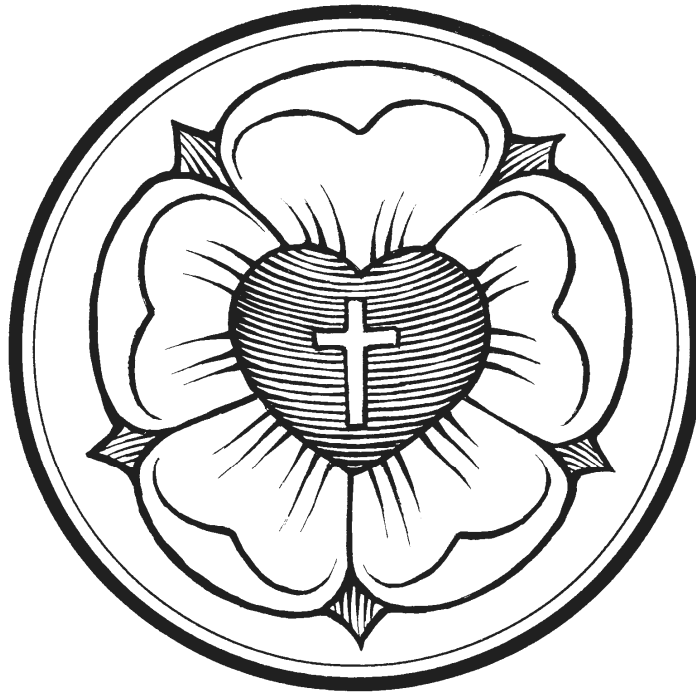
*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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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.*

*If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father  
will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with Him.*

*Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 803

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 151

**Introit**

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

**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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**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**This Is the Feast**                              p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading: Acts 11:1-18 (ESV)**

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**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.**

*The Handchimes will ring "Onward Christian Soldiers" following the Gradual.*

**Epistle Reading:** Revelation 21:1-7 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 16:12-22 (ESV)

*"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for he will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that he will take what is Mine and declare it to you.*

*"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, *"Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."**

<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 756
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Your Sorrow Will Turn Into Joy"</i>
<b>The Rite of Confirmation</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
	<i>The Handchimes will ring "Holy Ground" during the gathering of our morning offerings.</i>
<b>"What Shall I Render"</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymn</b>	# 818, 865, 631
<b>"Thank the Lord"</b>	p. 164
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 722

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: Jack Helm, Diane Kilsdonk (Fred Oberlander's sister), Harold Link, Carolyn Riegel & Emma Tabert (Deane Weidner's mother);
- † For those confirmed today, that God would give them grace to keep the vows they make this day;
- † Leeta Aanderud & Family, as they mourn Jim's death;
- † For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

**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). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**To instruct our children** and make them firm in the Christian faith begun at their baptisms, we have the Rite of Confirmation. Today, we celebrate this Rite. Today we welcome our confirmands as communicant members in our Lord’s Church. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine as outlined in the Small Catechism, they today acknowledge and confess the gifts God has given them in their baptisms and their intention to continue steadfast in this Christian faith and church.

**Pastor Heller** will be at the District Pastors Conference Monday — Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call Myron & Carrie Hafner, 873-5103.

**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, Jim Aanderud. Christian Burial was Saturday, May 1, 2010. “I am the resurrection and the life. *Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die (John 11:25-26).*

**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.

**The Young Women’s Guild** is sponsoring a basket auction. Baskets may be placed on the table in the social hall. The auction will end on Sunday, May 9th at 9:15 a.m. Baskets may be taken home following worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Rosenow.



**Muffins 4 Moms!** The Young Women’s Guild will be serving muffins following worship services on Mother’s Day, May 9th. Please join us to celebrate the special women in your life!

**The Knife River Care Center** will be holding their 1st annual “American Senior Idol” contest on May 10th, 6:30 p.m. They are looking for contestants. You don’t have to be a “senior” to be a contestant! If interested, please contact Sheryl Misslin or Yvonne Seibel, 873-3274.

**Your May calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, March council minutes, Pray for Us calendar and the May “Happy Times” booklet for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to pick up any items you wish.



**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.



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

Worship: 114    Offerings: \$2,915.60

In the resurrected and glorious Christ we have hope that will be fully realized in heaven. Having this sure hope puts new spark into our lives of service and stewardship. Jesus gave His best for us! Can we do less for Him?

*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.*

**† This Week at Concordia †**

Today            Confirmation Sunday  
                    7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                    9:15 am    Divine Service

Thursday        1:30 pm    Vesper Guild

Sunday           7:30 am    *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                    9:15 am    Divine Service  
                    10:15 am   Sunday School/Muffins 4 Moms

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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*Please remember that the Rite of Confirmation is a worship service.  
Therefore, we ask that all cell phones be turned off and no pictures be taken  
at any time during the service.*

Thank you.