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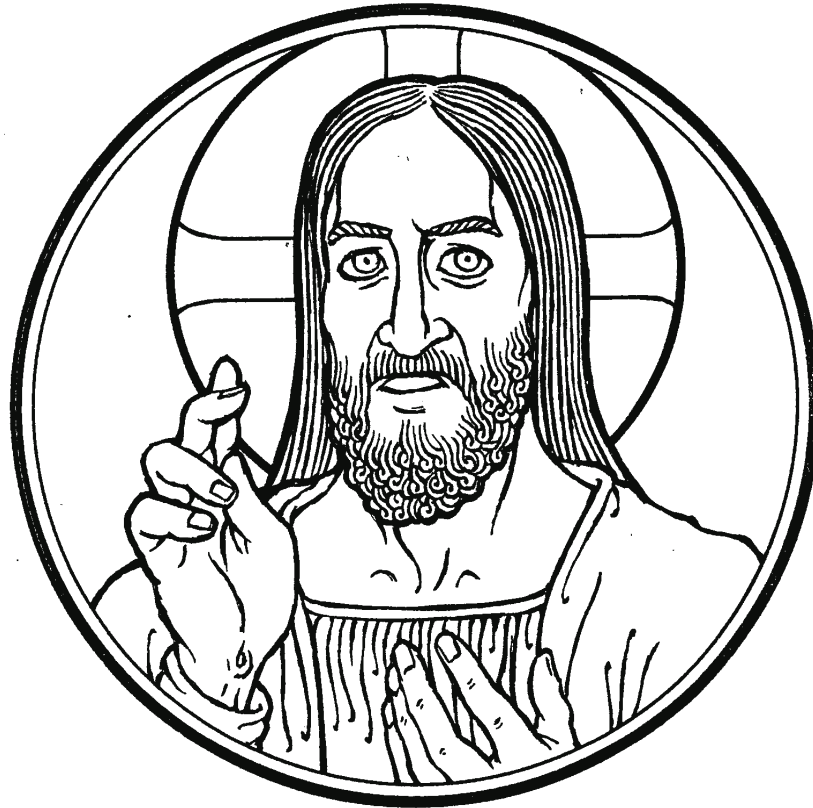
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*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.*

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

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 470 (st. 1-4)

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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.

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if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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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 4:32-35 (ESV)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 John 1:1-2:2 (ESV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 20:19-31 (ESV)

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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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,

† Betty Kuhn & Family, as they mourn Henry’s death.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 231 Offerings: \$4,574.00

The Apostle John was an eyewitness to the resurrection of Jesus and affirmed that this truth brings hope and a special fellowship with God the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. As the redeemed people of God we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. There is no higher stewardship calling than this!

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!

Today in Sunday School, we study “Jesus Reinstates Peter.” We are all like Peter in our words and actions, denying our Lord and weeping bitterly over what we have done. We are in need of the same comfort that Peter received—the comfort of sins forgiven and the assurance that even though we are faithless, Jesus will remain faithful. You might discuss, *“How did Peter express his sorrow and repentance? What specific directions did Jesus give to Peter?”*

Bible Class: Nikki Stevens will be talking about her mercy mission trip to Kenya with LCMS World Relief & Human Care. Please join us!

Hazen Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pie today, April 15th, at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering. All proceeds will be used towards new equipment and other needs in the X-ray Department. Supplemental income has been applied for from Oliver, Mercer Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter # 31353. We hope to see you there!



Knife River Care Center Activity Department is sponsoring a Fleischkuechle Fundraiser today, April 15th, at the Beulah Civic Center starting at 11:00 a.m. All proceeds will go towards furthering the education of their Activity Professionals.

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother Henry Kuhn. Christian Burial was Friday, April 13, 2012. *“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades” (Rev. 1:17-18).*



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

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, and council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.

Vacation Bible School: Enrollment forms for Vacation Bible School are on the table in the fellowship hall. On the back of the form are two options for having Bible School. Option A is to have school held all in one week. Option B is to have Bible School one or two nights a week for three or four weeks. Please fill out the form and place in Terence Schmidt's mailbox.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or Communion attendance this morning.