

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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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

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 709

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Kyrie p. 152

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Salutation & Collect p. 156

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 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 Lesson: Acts 20:17-35 (ESV)

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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 7:9-17 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat."

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:22-30 (ESV)

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered

around Him and said to Him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

- Nicene Creed** p. 158
- Hymn of the Day** # 711
- Sermon** The Lamb, Our Shepherd

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handbell Choir will ring "As the Deer" based on Psalm 42:1: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God", during the gathering of our morning offerings.

- "What Shall I Render"** p. 159
- Service of the Sacrament** p. 160
- Distribution Hymns** # 740, 821, 628
- "Thank the Lord"** p. 164
- Post-Communion Collect** p. 166
- Benediction** p. 166
- Closing Hymn** # 735

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.

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!

Please join us for cookies/bars and coffee following worship this morning.



Vacation Bible School: Barnyard Roundup VBS will take place May 31-June 3 from 5-7:30 pm at the church. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let Anne Rosenow know. Check the bulletin for information to come.

Thank-You from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, and the family of Carl Fischer, are posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.



*Before they become Husband and Wife
Let's shower them with things
for their new life!*

*Please join us for a bridal shower honoring
Lindsay Tyrrell and
Andrew Heller
at Concordia Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm.*

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Rev. Mark Drews, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Langmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Brenda Weigum.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Offerings: \$3,601.00 Worship: 114

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice – and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out: let us follow Him!

WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT – “Call Services” are a very special and exciting time for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This is the time when seminarians receive their first calls into holy ministry. Call Service at the St. Louis Seminary is April 26. Call Service at the Ft. Wayne Seminary is April 27. These call services are live-streamed, so you can watch them from home. “God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons.”
Pastor Baneck, DP

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday 4:30 pm Catechism
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 2:00 pm Tyrrell/Heller Bridal Shower

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 PM

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