

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

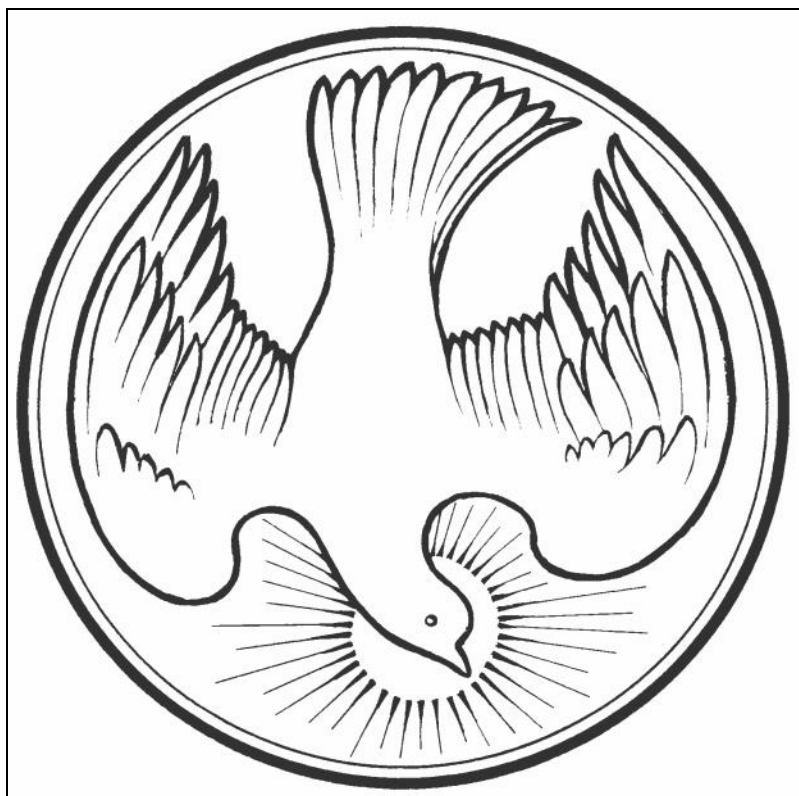
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

May 1, 2016

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

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 556 (st. 1, 5-10)

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Introit

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

But I call to God,

and the Lord will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

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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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 16:9-15 (ESV)

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We

remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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.**



Special Music: *The Handchimes will ring "Onward Christian Soldiers".*

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 16:23-33 (ESV)

[Jesus says] *“In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”*

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” Jesus answered them, *“Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Here Comes the Bride

The Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of the Church

Offering



Special Music: *The Handbells will ring "The Churches One Foundation".*

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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,

† 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);

† For those confirmed today, that God would give them grace to keep the vows they make this day;

† For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

Welcome to worship on Rogate Sunday. The Church celebrates the Sunday before the Ascension of Christ as Rogate or Prayer Sunday. Rogate means “ask” and teaches us that we are the praying Church. As we focus our attention on the ascension of Christ, we remember that, even though He has ascended, He is still our Priest, who pleads and prays for us before the Father in heaven. 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.

On this day, we are reminded of our own confirmation confession and vows. How well it is that we today hear the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther:

“Look at these bored, presumptuous saints who will not or cannot read and study the Catechism daily. They evidently consider themselves much wiser than God himself and wiser than all his holy angels, prophets, apostles, and all Christians! God himself is not ashamed to teach it daily, for he knows of nothing better to teach, and he always keeps on teaching this one thing without varying it with anything new or different. All saints know of nothing better or different to learn, though they cannot learn it to perfection. Are we not most marvelous fellows, therefore, if we imagine, after reading or hearing it once that we know it all and need not read or study it anymore? Most marvelous fellows, to think we can finish learning in one hour what God himself cannot finish teaching! Actually, He is busy teaching it from the beginning of the world to the end, and all prophets and saints have been busy learning it and have always remained pupils, and must continue to do so.”

(Preface to the Large Catechism)

Pastor Heller will be on vacation May 2 — 8. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and devotional booklets for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

Vicarage Assignments: Eli Voigt (Bethel, Bismarck): Grace, Neligh, NE, & Trinity, Elgin, NE; and Andrew Wolfgram (Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck): Our Redeemer, Iowa City, IA. Please remember Eli and Andrew in your prayers!

Mayfest 2016: You are invited to “Be a Super Hero for Martin Luther School” by joining them on Saturday, May 7th, for Mayfest 2016. The event will be held at the Bismarck Event Center, 325 South 5th Street, Bismarck, ND. A poster is hanging on the bulletin board for more information.



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.

The May Human Care Project is collecting pasta for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please place your donation in the pantry unit in entryway. Thank you.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 139 Offerings: \$3,088.25

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”” God does all the saving of the Macedonians – but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	Confirmation Sunday	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
		* Last day of Sunday School

<p>Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org</p>

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