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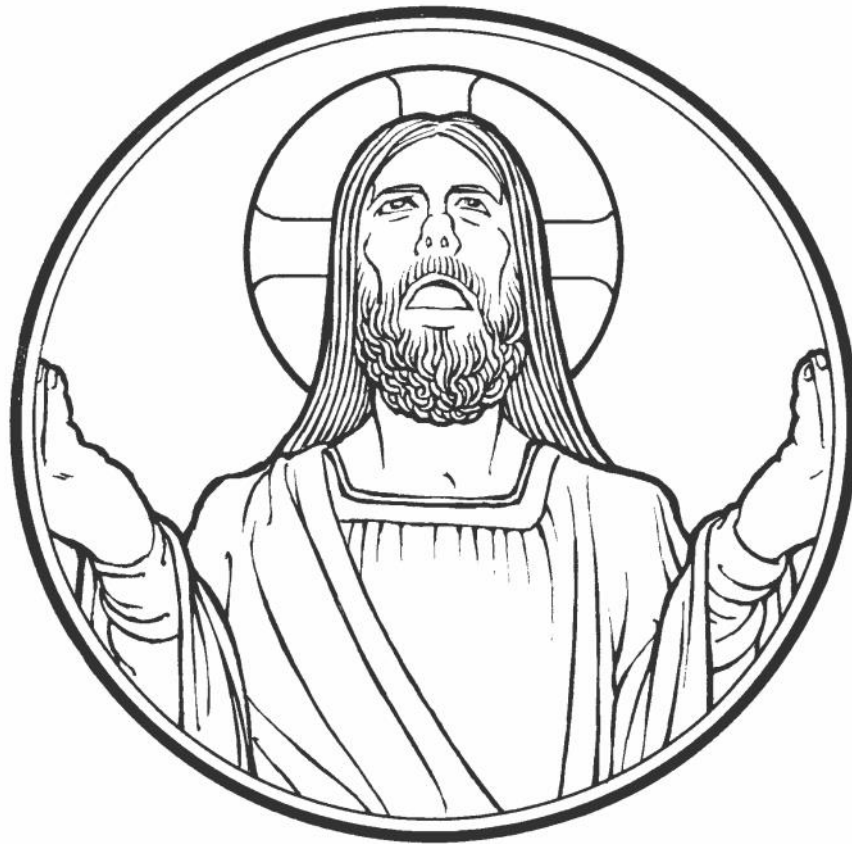
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7th Sunday of Easter



*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	# 493 (st. 1-4)
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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.

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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 Lesson: 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

brother 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

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)

[Jesus says] *"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*

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."

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Closing Hymn # 744

 *Accompanied by Sunday School children playing handchimes.*

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 our mothers, for the life and blessing God gave us through them;

† 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!

Thank You, Jamey Backus, for leading worship this morning.

On Mother's Day, we celebrate how our mothers confessed their Christian faith to us. How well it is for us to listen to the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in the explanation of the 4th commandment:



"The perversity of the world God knows very well. By means of commandments, therefore, He reminds and impels everyone to consider what his parents have done for him. Then everybody recognizes that he has been nourished and nurtured by them when otherwise he would have perished a hundred times in his own filth. The wise men of old were right when they said 'God, parents, and teachers can never be sufficiently thanked and repaid,' he who views the matter in this light will, without compulsion, give honor to his parents and esteem them as those through whom God has given his all blessings" (Large Catechism).

Thank You: Today is the last Sunday of Sunday school for the spring. We would like to thank our Sunday school teachers for their loving and dedicated service. Your work is greatly appreciated!

Potluck Recognition: Please join us Sunday, May 22, 10:30 am, to honor our Confirmands.



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.



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.

Copies of the "Good News Gazette" are on the table in the fellowship hall. It features books that speak to real-life, regular church people about the gifts God has for them. Order information is on the back cover of the flyer.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: ??? Offerings: \$4,048.00

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Grace is God's undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God's grace? He gives all these gifts so that we may use them in service toward one another. And chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the Church's work of bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. And that's what it means to be a steward!

WE ARE THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT – Campus ministry is very important for the faith and life of our college students. Pastors in college towns around our district reach out to these students. At the University of North Dakota (UND), together as a District, we supply a part-time campus ministry with Rev. Dr. Mark Buchhop as chaplain. Buchhop has ministered to many college students throughout the years, providing pastoral care while these students are away from their home. Again, your mission dollars at work!

Pastor Baneck, DP

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
		* Last Day of Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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