

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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The Resurrection of our Lord



*Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life  
and immortality to light through the gospel.*

*2 Timothy 1:10b*

*Please rise*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

**In the name of the Lord.**

**Processional Hymn** # 457

*The ornaments and the paraments, previously stripped from the altar for the solemn service of Good Friday, are returned to the altar as an expression of our joy on this festival of our Lord's resurrection.*

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son is the Lamb of God who has taken away our sin by His crucifixion and swallowed up our death by His resurrection. Grant us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil that Jesus has won for us by His cross and empty tomb so that we would not despair but ever hold fast to the blessed hope of resurrection to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold,

Jesus met them and said, "*Greetings!*" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "*Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.*"

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

### **The Fruit of Love Once Blooming**

The fruit of love once blooming  
Upon a dying tree  
Beneath the storm clouds looming  
Will thrive eternally  
Here at the Table offered,  
My heart is satisfied  
With food You now have proffered  
Since You were crucified.

Your blood and body given:  
A salutary gift.  
Your pierced side once riven  
To heal the sin made rift  
Now flows here at the altar  
Within the blessed wine.  
Your flesh, which did not falter,  
is in this Meal divine.

O Bread of Life bestowing  
All blessings for each day,  
Grant all we need, fore knowing  
What tasks will come our way.  
Our strength and health sustaining  
To do Your gracious will,  
Our lives You are maintaining  
As You provide our fill.

We come, our weakness barring,  
Deserving Your reproach.  
You come, our crosses bearing,  
Inviting our approach.  
You bring us balm for healing  
And rest for weary eyes  
You bend to bodies kneeling  
That we with strength may rise.

We marvel at the table,  
The overflowing feast  
That You alone are able  
To serve as Host and Priest  
The guests, from every nation,  
Receive a purchased place  
And join the celebration  
In robes made white with grace.

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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: Dennis Blaisdell (brother of Steve), Tamara Bogo, Tom Bornemann, Derek Ferebee, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter) & Anna Pischel;
- † Shad & Tanya Gегelman, on the death of Tanya’s father.



**Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**  
Attendance: 139 Offerings: \$4,920.76

And Jesus said to them, *“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here.”* The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us: there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the empty tomb of Easter. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, "Death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:57)." Death and the grave have been defeated forever by the Easter resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We especially rejoice and give thanks that the resurrection of Christ means that we and all believers will rise to eternal life in Christ. As He lives, we live today and for all eternity in Him. Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**Please** join us for breakfast following worship this morning.



**Thank you** to everyone who brought lilies for worship this morning. Also a special thank you to Connie Gegelman for providing the palm branches for Palm Sunday.



**LWML Joint Meeting:** A representative from Women's Action & Resource Center will be speaking at the LWML Joint Meeting on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. All women of the congregation are invited.

**Vacation Bible School:** We are in need of a director for VBS. Please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor Heller if you are interested.

**The April Human care project** is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Suggestions are paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, and Kleenex.

**Groundskeeper:** The Church is in need of someone to mow and trim the lawn for the summer months. Please see Jeff Gegelman or Jamey Backus if you are interested.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	Church Office closed	
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
	7:00 pm	Joint LWML Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	3:30 pm	Girl Scouts

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
Communion attendance this morning*

Christ  
is  
Risen!