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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

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Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.

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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and a light to my path.

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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 17:16-31 (ESV)

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because

he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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Holy Gospel: St. John 14:15-21 (ESV)

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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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: Krystal Bornemann, Esther Graf (sister of Lori Kuschel), Anna Pischel, & Myra Rada (mother of Tina Heller);

† For our new members, as they become members of the family of Concordia;

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



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 125 Offerings: \$3,305.00

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter. Today, we look forward to Christ's ascension and His sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Even though Jesus has ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, we rejoice. Jesus has not left us alone, as helpless orphans in this vale of tears. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, who brings us to Jesus, so that we trust, rejoice, and find comfort in our Savior. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today, we welcome Eric Jeide and John Neuberger to the family of Concordia. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine, they today confess their faith in Christ Jesus and their desire to be a member of this Church. We also welcome to the family of Concordia Josey Erickson, who comes to us by transfer from St. Matthew, Hazen. "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).



Potluck Recognition: Please join us this morning at 10:30 am to honor our 2017 high school graduates: Lance Dschaak, Amanda Pfennig, and Wyatt Wiebe.

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 LYF has sold all the tubes of M&M's for the FEED



MY STARVING CHILDREN fundraiser. The mobile pack will be in Beulah on August 26, 2017., If you so desire, please return the empty tubes filled with quarters by early August.

The May Human Care Project is collecting pasta and



Macaroni & Cheese for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please place your items in the shelf unit in the entry way. Thank you.

WITTENBERG CHAPEL

SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Due to the great desire that has been expressed to the North Dakota District Board of Directors and myself about the continuing of ministry at UND in Grand Forks this is a plea to you, the body of Christ here in North Dakota, to work together to have this happen.

For your information: After many years of use we are in need of doing some repairs on the roof of the chapel which will cost you, the body of Christ, \$47,900. Also, we are going to be doing some updating of flooring, countertop, painting, and maybe in need of shingles. The Board of Directors and I have agreed to limit that to \$20,000.

Also, Pastor Mark Buchhop who has served there for many years is retiring and so we will be looking to fill that position of ministry there. We are grateful to Pastor Buchhop for his years of service and thank him for that.

Therefore, we are asking you, the body of Christ, to join in an extra plate offering to be gathered for this need and desire as we join together to continue this ministry.

Your servant in Christ,
North Dakota District President
Rev. Arie D. Bertsch

