

# 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.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading:** Exodus 15:1-11 (ESV)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, as was necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 20:1-18 (ESV)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?*" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "*Mary.*" She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "*Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'*" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

# 467 (st. 1-4, 7)

**Sermon**

Heading Home...Heartened and Hopeful

**Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

*The Bell Group will play “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

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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: Ken Sturn (nephew of Elsie Buchmann);  
† Leeta Aanderud & family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret Kuch.

## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 139 Offerings: \$3,682.54

“Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

**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!

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation April 5 — 9. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

**Thank you** to all who brought Easter lilies. Please feel free to take them home after worship if you wish.

**The April calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

**Donations** of paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of April. Items may include paper products, napkins, bathroom tissue & Kleenex. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

**"Thank You"** Nona Blaisdell, Gayleen Briggs, Sandy Buchmann, Michelle Schlender and Robert Schriefer for providing bars/cookies/cake for our March fellowship.

**LWML Joint Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. We will be planning the Spring Rally which Concordia is hosting on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LWML Spring Rally:** Chere Gegelman will be the guest speaker and will talk about her experiences in Saudi Arabia, living as a Christian in a Muslim country. The rally will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday      8:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                                 10:00 am      Divine Service

Monday                      Church Office closed

Wednesday              3:30 pm      Catechism

Thursday                  7:00 pm      LWML Joint Meeting

Sunday                      10:00 am      Worship Service  
                                 11:00 am      Sunday School

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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*Christ  
is  
Risen!*