

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter



*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.*

*Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,
while He opened to us the Scriptures?*

Romans 5:9; Luke 24:32

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter as we gather to rejoice that Christ has overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57). Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Behold, how good and pleasant it is

when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

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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when brothers dwell in unity!

Kyrie

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"This is the Feast"

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Salutation & Collect

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O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:14A, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them.

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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 1:17-25

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "*What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?*" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "*What things?*" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was

alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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In our thoughts and prayers,

† Joann Dilger (Carol Hartman's sister), Carey Fischer, Edris Miller (Nona Blaisdell's mother), and Ernie Riegel.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 75 Offerings: \$3,203.00

"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

1 Peter 1:18-19

Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.

Announcements

Pastor Heller will be on vacation April 24 – May 1. If pastoral care is needed, please call Jonathan Schlender, 870-1656 .



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Join us for Potluck Recognition on Sunday, May 7, 11:00 am, as we honor our 2023 Beulah High School graduates.

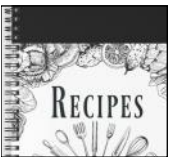
Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads brochures for their summer 2023 camps are on the table in the social hall.

Lutheran Family Service: If you or someone you know is in need of Christ-centered individual, marriage, or family counseling, please consider reaching out to Lutheran Family Service for help. You can contact them by calling 515-573-3138 or email LFS at info@lutheranfamilyservice.org/contact. And remember, all things are possible with God.



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

Greeters are needed for the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Cookbooks: There are a number of donated cookbooks on the table in the social hall that are yours for the taking. If you would like to make a donation for a cookbook, it will go to LWML.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for May Calendar
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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ND District LCMS Message in a Pew April 2023

Call Day

With the nicer weather of spring, thoughts turn to the end of the school term, celebrations, and graduations. Call Day is a very special celebration at our LCMS Seminaries that takes place in April. This year, services at Concordia Theological Seminary at Ft. Wayne will be at 7 p.m. on April 24 for Vicarage and Deaconess assignments and at 7 p.m. on April 25 for Pastor Candidates. At Concordia Seminary St. Louis, both services will be held on April 26 with the Assignment of Vicarages at 3 p.m. and the Assignment of Calls at 7 p.m. to learn more, visit the schools' websites: ctsfw.edu and csl.edu.



CTAP Application Deadline

The North Dakota District is honored to offer support to all of our students planning on going into church work through the Church Worker Training Assistance Program (CTAP). Each year, the District budgets funds to be distributed to our high school graduates and current students that will attend LCMS Concordia Universities or Seminaries in the fall. The deadline for applications to be submitted to financial aid offices is June 1. For more information, call Tami at 701-360-1469 or email her at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com

Congregations' Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

St. Peter-Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer-Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

First English-Fairmount: has formed a dual parish with Immanuel, Wahpeton and is served by Rev. Matthew Tooman.

Crosspointe-Fargo: vacancy (Rev. Chris Waldvogel).

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton: has extended a call to Rev. Daniel Provost, Our Savior, Newton, IA (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Zion, Gwinner: Rev. Mike Grieve, Holy Cross-Golden, IL has accepted the call (Rev. Chris Durham).

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Mike Suelzle is considering a call to Saint Johns, Athens, WI.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
March 2023

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$58,312.06
Less Synodical Pledge (35%) (February)	(\$22,071.22)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$36,240.84
Other Unrestricted Gifts	2,005.81
1-1-1 Mission Giving	737.22
Current gifts/fees for missions	2,716.00
Available Income	\$41,699.87

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$14,948.39
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	31,951.71
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Chile Mission— Special Events	0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Current Expenses	\$46,900.10
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR MARCH	(\$5,200.23)
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$4,563.30
Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$2,003.05)

When designated gifts are given outside of the month they will be spent, they are set aside until they are needed. When those funds are used for the designated purpose, they are released. That is where the 'Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses' comes in. An example of this is student aid funds. Gifts come in most months, but are paid out to the colleges in September and January.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts for these missions as of March 31, 2023:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$433.70
Chile Partnership	\$175.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$125.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on nodaklcms.org. to pick where you would like your donation directed.