

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6:9; Luke 24:32*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 487

**Confession & Absolution**                      p. 151

**Introit**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**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.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Kyrie**    p. 152

**“This is the Feast”**    p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**    p. 156

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 3:11-21**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see

and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### **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 John 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**"Alleluia"** p. 156

### **Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-49**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, *"Peace to you!"*

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, *"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."* And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, *"Have you anything here to eat?"* They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them.

Then He said to them, *"These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."* Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, *"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and*

*forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
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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.

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Kent Larson & Mary Weidner (sister of Carolyn Riegel);

† The family of Carey Fischer, as they mourn his death.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Co 15:55, 57).* Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



**Ingathering:** The April Human Care Ingathering is paper products for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Suggestions are, paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, Kleenex, etc.



**We are having** a Card Baby Shower for Ethan Helmer Heller, son of Christian and Laura Heller. Ethan was born on February 27, 2024. Let’s shower Ethan with love from our church family. Nona will collect the cards and send them to the Heller family after April 15<sup>th</sup>. Christian asks that you please include your return address so they can send a thank you and he looks forward to hearing from you!

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation April 17 – 23. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.

**Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads:** Brochures for summer camps and activities are on the table in the social hall.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our brother in the faith, Carey Fischer. Christian Burial was April 11, 2024. *“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11).*

### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 104 Offerings: \$3,347.00

*“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.”*

*1 John 3:2*

This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

## † This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday      8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin  
              9:15 am Sunday School  
              10:00 am Divine Service  
              11:00 am Bible Class  
              11:45 am Council Meeting
- Monday      7:00 pm Sarah Guild
- Saturday     9:00 am Zone LWML Rally @ Zion, Bismarck
- Sunday      8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin  
              9:15 am Sunday School  
              10:00 am Divine Service

### Church Office Hours

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