

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Beulah, North Dakota

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2nd Sunday of Easter



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

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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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Kyrie

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Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, *"Peace be with you."*

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."* And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."*

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *"Peace be with you."* Then He said to Thomas, *"Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."* Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, *"Have you*

believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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**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, Hannah Schantz, Delphine Traxel, Mary Weidner (sister of Carolyn Riegel), & George Zeiszler (brother of Laura Jorgenson);
- † Kim Senske & Family, on the death of Kim's mother;
- † Carolyn Riegel & Family, on the death of her sister, Brenda Armstrong.

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.

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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!



LWML Mites will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship: Today is the day! Everyone in grades 6 – 12 is invited to join us at 12:00 (noon) for a pizza lunch and information and organization meeting. If you have questions, please talk to Anne Rosenow.



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

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

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and April—June “*Portals of Prayer*” booklets are on the table in the social hall.

We will be 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 15th. Christian asks that you please include your return address so they can send a thank you and he looks forward to hearing from you!



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 142 Offerings: \$5,924.15

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,

‘Peace be with you.’”

John 20:19

The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday School Divine Service *Mites collected Bible Class LYF Meeting
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Dickinson
Tuesday	10:30 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday School Divine Service Bible Class

ND District LCMS Message in a Pew March 2024

Questions often come up about what the phrase "Funds Given used for Current Expenses" on the Financial Information page means. Here's an attempt at explaining!

District gifts fall into two categories — restricted and unrestricted. Restricted gifts can be permanently restricted (such as endowments) or temporarily restricted, which are given for a specific purpose to be used in the near future. Unrestricted gifts can be used for any type of expense. The Board of Directors (BOD) usually will set aside (designate) large, unrestricted gifts for a specific purpose. Temporarily restricted and BOD designated gifts are not included in the financials until they are used. When the "Funds Given used for Current Expenses" are needed, they are added to the financial page. This month that line includes gifts given for the Wittenberg Organ Fund. If you have questions, call Tami at 701-360-1469. Thank you for your continued support of the District's various needs each month.

Congregations' Status Pres. Arie Bertsch

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

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

Crosspointe-Fargo: Applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Chris Waldvogel).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Nathan Schieber).

Grace-Fargo: Extended a call to Rev. Michael Suelzle (Rev. Bernie Worrall).

Immanuel-Fargo: Associate pastor vacancy.

Grace-Carrington: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

Zion-Binford; Grace-Cooperstown: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Bob Hill).

Bethlehem/St. John-Upham; Zion-Kramer; Faith-Towner: vacancy (Rev. Carlyle Roth and Rev. Rick Jones).

Zion-Bismarck: applying for a seminary candidate as associate pastor.

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Peter-Devils Lake, Grace-Lakota, St. Andrew-Niagara is considering a call to Grace-Fargo.

Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior-Minot is considering a call to St. Peter-Portage, IN.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS Financial Information February 2024

INCOME:	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$59,810.32
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$20,933.61)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$38,876.71
Other Unrestricted Gifts	5,294.40
1-1-1 Mission Giving	594.00
Current gifts/fees for missions	6,247.52
Available Income	\$51,012.73

EXPENSES:	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$52,205.22
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	38,482.88

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	\$90,688.10
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR FEBRUARY	(\$39,675.37)
Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$27,708.85
Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$11,966.52)

February giving was average, and as usual, since we are at the beginning of the fiscal year, we are behind a bit. Expenses include some annual payments and the first installment on the Wittenberg Organ.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts/payments made to these missions as of January 31, 2024:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$25.00/\$0.00
Chile Partnership	\$25.00/\$0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$25.00/\$0.00

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 Give button on nodaklcms.org to pick where you would like your donation directed.