

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

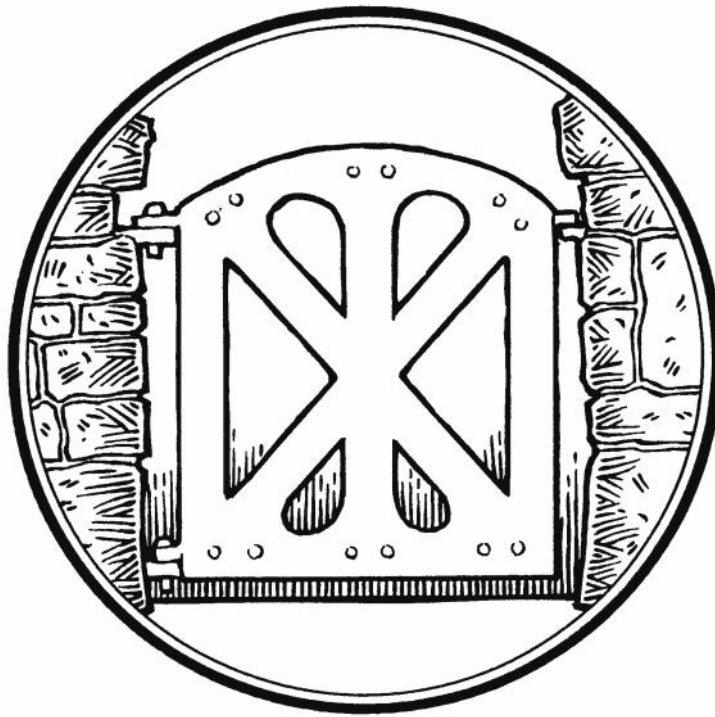
801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday



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

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me.

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship on Good Shepherd Sunday. We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in the season of Easter to rejoice and find comfort in the victory our Good Shepherd Jesus won for us in His Easter resurrection. We rejoice that our Shepherd leads us through this valley of the shadow of death to the green pastures and still waters of heaven, where we will dwell forever. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 710

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many

wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 10:1-10

[Jesus says] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

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Prayer of the Church			

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



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✠ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Rachel Riedemann, & Samantha Scheurer (friend of Joslyn Frey).
- ✠ For those confirmed today, that God would give them grace to keep the vows they make this day.

This week, both of our seminaries will be holding their call services. Seminary candidates will receive their first calls to congregations around the Synod. Let us pray for these men whom the Lord will call into His service to bring the Lord's precious gifts of Word and Sacrament to His beloved people. Let us also pray for the congregations who will receive these candidates and for those who applied for a seminary candidate but continue to wait on the Lord to send them a pastor.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYF Lock-In: Grades 6 and up are invited to the LYF Lock-In on Friday, May 1 from 7PM to 7AM Saturday morning. Friends are also welcome. Bible study, games, activities and more are planned. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall to donate food or items needed to play games. Please have items at the church by 7PM on Friday. If you have any questions, please talk to Anne Rosenow.



Parents of Catechism Students, your child's work will be in your mailbox.

2026 Greeters are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



The April Ingathering is pasta for Women's Action & Resource Center. Suggestions are Mac & Cheese or Hamburger Helper.

The May calendar and the birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the fellowship hall.

VBS 2026

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We have exciting news!!! Dates have been set for Vacation Bible School. It will run June 1-4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Please call or text Michelle Schlender, 391-3996, Terence Schmidt, 891-1750, or contact the church if you would like to register your child. Please invite your friends, family, or neighbor children. Registration deadline is May 15, 2026. Registration forms are on the table in the fellowship hall.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Today	Confirmation Sunday	
	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Friday	7:00 pm -	LYF-Lock-in
	7:00 am	Saturday
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 84 Offerings: \$2,549.00

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."

1 Peter 2:21

Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

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*"Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown of life."*

Revelation 2:10

Layton James Hartman



Born: August 19, 2010
Baptized: October 3, 2010 at Concordia Lutheran Church,
Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Lucas & Jessica Hartman
Sponsors: Josh & Sara Handyside and Jayme Schaan

*Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.*

Psalm 34:14

Owen Michael Hartman



Born: August 19, 2010
Baptized: October 3, 2010 at Concordia Lutheran Church,
Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Lucas & Jessica Hartman
Sponsors: Josh & Sara Handyside and Jayme Schaan

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Danica Dawn Schaan



Born: August 30, 2010
Baptized: November 13, 2010 at Concordia Lutheran Church,
Beulah, North Dakota
Parents: Craig & Jayme Schaan and Autumn Schaan
Sponsors: Jade Cramer

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

Psalm 56:3

Elizabeth Ann Sperry



Born: November 18, 2009
Baptized: December 20, 2009 at Grace Free Lutheran Church,
DeKalb, Illinois
Parents: Kent & Cheryl Sperry
Sponsors: Paul & Donna Parry

“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Luke 1:45

Brenli Carolina Wilkens



Born: October 30, 2010
Baptized: December 26, 2010 at Bethel Lutheran Church,
Bismarck, North Dakota
Parents: Brian & Brea Wilkens
Sponsors: The late Adam Wilkens & Amy Wilkens
Spiritual Mentors: Miles & April Mettler

*The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

*The Lord is the strength of His people;
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

Psalm 28:7-8

Zander Carsen Wolf



Born: January 1, 2011
Baptized: June 26, 2011 at Salem United Methodist Church,
Hazen, North Dakota
Parents: Jayme & Craig Schaan and Jamey Boutilier
Sponsors: Lucas & Jessica Hartman

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psalm 27:1

Symbols used in the Lutheran Rite of Confirmation

1. The White Robe: The white robe is a remembrance of Holy Baptism, when we “put on” the holiness and righteousness of Jesus Christ which covers our sinfulness, *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27)*. It is in baptism that we are united by faith to Christ and His eternal life becomes our eternal life. The white robe also reminds us of the white robe we will wear in heaven for eternity, *These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14)*.
2. The Red Carnation over the Heart: Each confirmand wears a red carnation over the heart. The color red is a reminder *you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (1 Peter 1:18-19)*. Worn over the heart, the red flower is a reminder that our heart is always to be filled with faith toward our Savior Jesus Christ.
3. Kneeling on Bended Knee: Kneeling is a sign of submission. Kneeling is an acknowledgment of someone greater than the person kneeling. Thus, when the confirmands (or any Christians) kneel, they are confessing before heaven and earth that God is above them and that they are God’s servants. On bended knee, the confirmands confess that they are His own and will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.
4. The Laying on of the Hands: The Pastor places a hand upon the head of the confirmand and gives the confirmand a special blessing and a special passage of God’s Word. Thus, the Lord of the Church and the Church Herself through the Called Minister of Christ give special blessing to the confirmand. The Church now recognizes the confirmand as a communicant member with all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities.