

Concordia Lutheran Church

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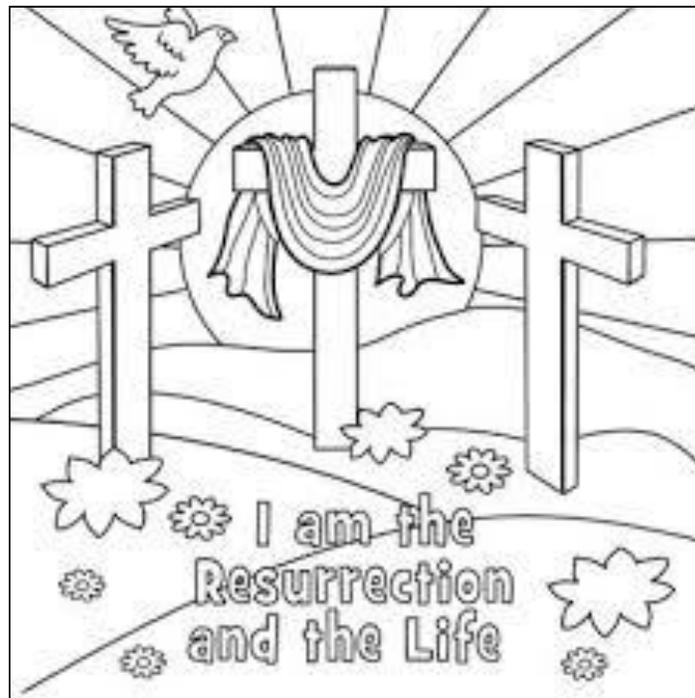
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Beulah, North Dakota

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5th Sunday in Lent



*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11:25*

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

"Alleluia" *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. John 11:17-27, 38-53

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "*Your brother will rise again.*" Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?*" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "*Take away the stone.*" Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "*Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?*" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "*Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent Me.*" When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "*Lazarus, come out.*" The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "*Unbind him, and let him go.*"

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

Nicene Creed p. 191
Hymn of the Day # 490
Sermon: No condemnation!
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Distribution Hymns # 433, 575, 818
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Benedicamus and Benediction p. 201
Closing Hymn # 548

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



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).



Stewardship

is managing resources, relationships and opportunities that have been entrusted to us by God - in a manner that glorifies Him and furthers His kingdom.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 61 Offerings: \$4,412.00

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:1

This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

Announcements

The “I AM” sayings of Jesus: God revealed Himself to Moses simply and profoundly as “*I am*” (*Exodus 3:14*). In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist records for us Jesus speaking those exact words to reveal and make Himself known to us as “very God of very God” (Nicene Creed). For our midweek worship in the season of Lent, we will be looking at the “I AM” sayings of Jesus. Please join us as we continue this Wednesday, looking at the words of Jesus, “*I AM the way, and the truth, and the life*” (*John 14:6*). Worship will be at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: The deadline to direct your dollars is March 31. You can direct Choice Dollars online by logging onto thrivent.com and going to Generosity or Member Benefits and choosing “Thrivent Choice Dollars”. You can also direct Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836.



Palm Sunday: Next Sunday, March 29, is Palm Sunday. The Sunday School children are invited to carry palm branches into the sanctuary to begin our Palm Sunday worship service.

During the month of March donations of snacks for children will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center.



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

This Wednesday, March 25, the Church celebrates the Annunciation of Our Lord. Note that we celebrate His incarnation on March 25, exactly nine months before Christmas. On this day, we hear of the angel Gabriel announcing to the Virgin Mary that she will bear God’s Son. Our Lord’s incarnation begins in the Virgin’s womb and develops as all of us, while at the same time reigning over earth and heaven. He becomes man “for us men and for our salvation.”

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



Please join us in welcoming
our newest members of Concordia
with a Table Top Shower.

Pearl Ley Armbrust

Daughter of Evan and Josey Armbrust.

Born: January 29, 2026

Baptized: February 7, 2026

Leon Jacob Wiebe and Clarissa Rae Wiebe

Children of Wyatt and Makayla Wiebe.

Leon Born: November 4, 2022

Clarissa Born: November 13, 2025

Baptisms are scheduled for March 29, 2026

Raelynn Emma Meyer

Daughter of Hunter Meyer and Jasmine Gegelman.

Born: February 3, 2026

Baptism is scheduled for April 12, 2026

A gift table is set up in the social hall.

All gifts will be presented to the families on April 19, 2026.

✠ **This Week at Concordia** ✠

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for April calendar information
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	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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