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

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 420 (st. 1-4)

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of his saints.

I love the Lord, because he has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord;

“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of his saints.

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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 (ESV)

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: *see yellow insert*

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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.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Blanche Becker, Ray Eisenbeis, Elsie Pfennig, & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Terry and Julie Dschaak & Family, as they mourn the death of Julie's mother, Carolyn Johnson;
- † The people of Japan & surrounding countries, as they recover.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Special Offering: This morning, we will have a special offering to help with relief and restoration following the earthquake and tsunami. All donations will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check out to Concordia Lutheran Church and **designate it Japan Disaster Relief**. *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:40).*

Today’s Sunday School lesson is the raising of Jesus’ good friend, Lazarus. In resurrecting Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that He can indeed raise all who believe in Him for salvation. True life is eternal life with Jesus. Talk with your children about how in this life we see and experience the effects of sin—sickness, injury, and death. Assure them that Jesus, our savior from sin and death, has guaranteed that in heaven our lives will be free of sin and its effects eternally. As a family, confess the second article of the Apostles’ Creed together.

Please join us for Bible Class as we look at The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers, the focus of our worship Wednesday evening.

Bible Class will meet this Tuesday, April 12, 2:00 p.m.

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers, Matthew 27:54. Soup & sandwiches will be served by the Elders/LYF at 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday: The Sunday school children will be carrying palm branches into the sanctuary as part of our worship next Sunday, April 17th. Parents, please have your children in the education wing by 8:30 a.m.

Hazen Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Dinner today at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. All proceeds will be used to purchase new windows and other items for Sakakawea Medical Center. We hope to see you there!

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for us calendar, and council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.

Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice is sponsoring a 10-session support group entitled “Understanding Grief” beginning Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Hospice Office in Hazen. For more information or to pre-register, call 748-7380. RSVP by April 15th.

Are a person of high compassion and reliability and want to make a difference in someone’s life, come be a Hospice Volunteer! Volunteer training will be April 26th & 27th, 9:00—4:00 pm each day at Sakakawea Medical Center Ambulance Bay, Hazen. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Laurie Buesing or Lori Knoll, 748-7380.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 102 Offerings: \$3,898.00

Since there is now no condemnation for us who are in Christ we are freed to live according to the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. This is the same Spirit that changed us into children of God and who daily empowers us to live godly lives filled with good works. What a joy it is to know that we are freed from our sins and equipped to use our time, talents, money and all life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - Elders/LYF
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Council Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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

Thank you