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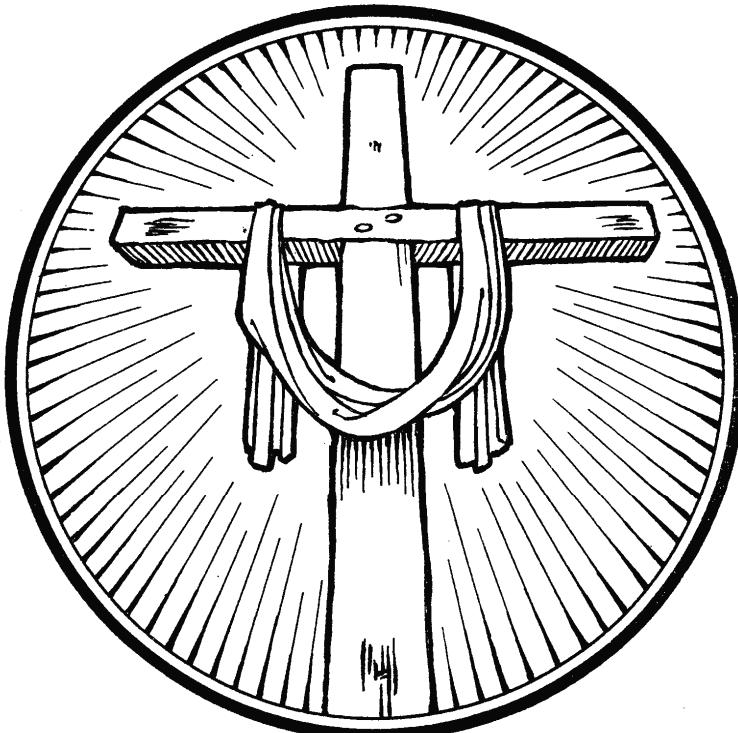
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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*Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life  
and immortality to light through the gospel.*

*2 Timothy 1:10b*

*Please rise*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

## **Processional Hymn # 457**

*The ornaments and the paraments, previously stripped from the altar for the solemn service of Good Friday, are returned to the altar as an expression of our joy on this festival of our Lord's resurrection.*

### **Introit**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
**the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**and he has become my salvation;**  
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
**your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
**you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
**the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,**

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

**The Lord will reign forever and ever.**

**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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**the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**Kyrie** p. 152

**“This is the Feast”** p. 155

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who

had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*The Handchime Choir will ring "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**"Alleluia"**      p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "*Greetings!*" And they came up and took hold of

His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "*Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.*"

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 461

**Sermon** The Miracle of Easter

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

*During the gathering of our morning offerings, the Handbell Choir will ring "Easter Fanfare".*

**"What Shall I Render"** p. 159

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 160

**Distribution Hymns** # 475, 490, 632

**"Thank the Lord"** p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 166

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 465

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,  
John Blaisdell (Steve's brother) & Carolyn Riegel.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the empty tomb of Easter. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:57). Death and the grave have been defeated forever by the Easter resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We especially rejoice and give thanks that the resurrection of Christ means that we and all believers will rise to eternal life in Christ. As He lives, we live today and for all eternity in Him. Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Thank you** to the LYF for serving breakfast this morning and all who donated food and helped dye eggs. We would also like to thank all who helped in any way with the soup and sandwich suppers during Lent.

**The Public Examination** of our Catechumens will be Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Found:** A gold cross necklace was found after worship last Sunday. Please talk to Pastor Heller to claim it.

**Children of Concordia**, come join us on an adventure and learn about He who created all things including the jungle and the jungle animals. The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is Big Jungle Adventure. Registration forms along with VBS details will be available soon.



**The April Human Care project** is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Some items may include paper towels, Kleenex and napkins.

**Are you 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 p.m. 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: 141   Offerings: \$3,249.20

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything for us! That change includes not only our resurrection from the grave on the last day, but also our resurrection to setting our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. Therefore, each new day in Christ is another opportunity to live for Him and be a blessing to others.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Today	7:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
	4:00 pm	Practice Questioning
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Chime Practice
	6:00 pm	Bell Practice
	6:30 pm	Questioning
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for May calendar items
Friday	5:00 pm	Woroniecki/Beam Wedding
Sunday		Confirmation Sunday
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<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.*