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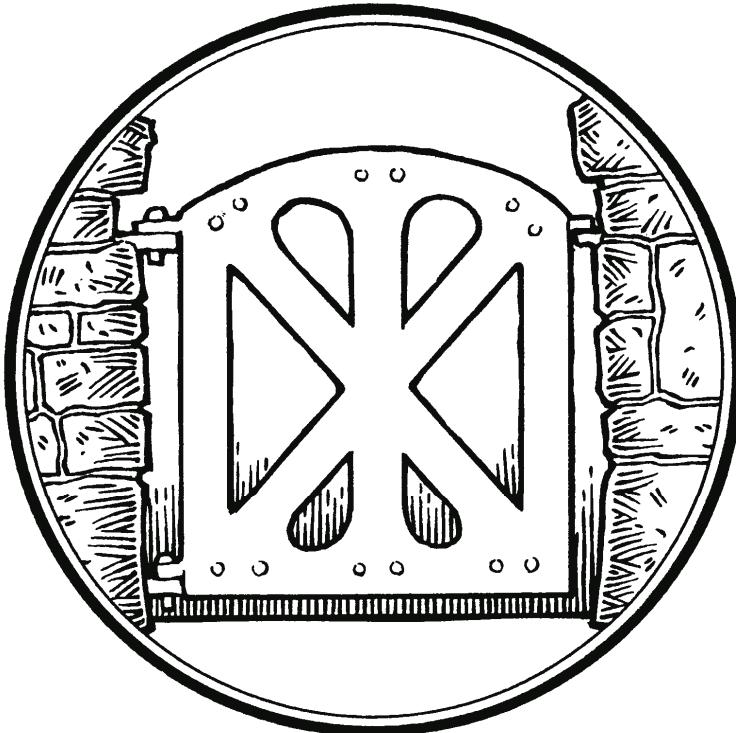
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*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.*

I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and

My own know Me.

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

DIVINE SERVICE**Setting One****Hymn of Invocation** # 709**Confession & Absolution** p. 151**Introit**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**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.**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.****Kyrie** p. 152**This is the Feast** p. 155**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

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 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

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.

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:1-10 (ESV)

“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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In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Blanche Becker, John Blaisdell (Steve's brother), Berniece Homuth & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Those, especially in the southern United States, whose lives have been affected by tornadoes and other natural disasters;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 144 Offerings: \$ 3,110.00

Easter assures us of a new life that will never end. It will take us through death and the grave and bring us into everlasting glory and joy. However, in this life we may suffer some insults and hurts because of our Christian faith, but we trust in our eternal God who judges justly. What joy this sweet sentence gives, "***I know that my Redeemer lives!***"

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!

Thank you to Marc Schriefer for leading worship this morning.

Today in Sunday School the children learn that as God did with Paul, so God does with us. Through the Law we are crushed by the weight of our sin and are helpless. As God revived Paul through Ananias, He revives us through our pastors and with the proclamation of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments granting forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. Talk to your children about how the Sacraments and God's Word revive you so that you may live as God's child.

There is an open house to bid farewell to Pastor Jerry and Sue Drebelsis today from 1:30—4:00 pm at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 2012 Central Avenue North.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation through May 21. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.



Save The Date: Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m., is our recognition banquet for our high school graduates and confirmants.

The congregation is invited to an open house for Andrew Heller to celebrate his high school graduation from 12:00—1:30 pm on Sunday, May 29, at the Church.



Big Jungle Adventure is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 5—9 from 5:30—8:30 pm. Tiffany Weigum has volunteered to be our director. Registration forms are available on the table in the social hall. Place completed forms in Tiffany's mailbox. If you would like to help in any way, please talk to Tiffany.

The Human Care project for May is collecting pasta for Women's Action & Resource Center.

The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for Us calendar, Council minutes, and "Happy Times" for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take any forms you wish.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Graduation/Confirmation Potluck

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.