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Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over Him.

In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 700

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Kyrie p. 152

This Is the Feast p. 155

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48 (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."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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 John 5:1-8 (ESV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

“Alleluia” p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 15:9-17 (ESV)

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 706

Sermon: *“Love One Another as I Have Loved You”*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

“What Shall I Render” p. 159

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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: Link Reinhiller & Blake Wiedrich;

† Dwight & Bev Frank & Family, on the death of their nephew,
Aaron Frank;

† For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a
bountiful harvest.

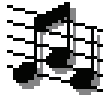


Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 132 Offerings: \$3,183.00

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God! This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome because in Christ we are the children of God who delight in doing that which pleases God and blesses those around us. The ways in which we use our money, time and abilities demonstrate that we are the redeemed people of God. Good stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!


Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter. “Grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them,” we pray in our collect. Having been raised to new life in Christ, we reflect the love of Christ to the world. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Handchime choir will ring “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” during the gathering of our morning offerings.


Today in Sunday School, the students study the account of “Paul and Silas in Prison”. Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal. Questions for discussion include *“How is this event more than just a story about Paul’s escape from prison?”* and *“How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?”*

On Mother’s Day, we celebrate how our mothers confessed their Christian faith to us. How well it is for us to listen to the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in the explanation of the 4th commandment:

 “The perversity of the world God knows very well. By means of commandments, therefore, He reminds and impels everyone to consider what his parents have done for him. Then everybody recognizes that he has been nourished and nurtured by them when otherwise he would have perished a hundred times in his own filth. The wise men of old were right when they said ‘God, parents, and teachers can never be sufficiently thanked and repaid,’ he who views the matter in this light will, without compulsion, give honor to his parents and esteem them as those through whom God has given his all blessings” (Large Catechism).

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Work Day: Please join us on Saturday, May 19th for a work day at the Church. Concrete on the north side of the church will be removed and replaced with dirt. The dirt will be sloped up against the church to try and shed rain water away so we don’t get water in the men’s bathroom. Items needed include shovels, rakes, skid steers and workers.



Potluck Recognition: Please join us next Sunday, May 20th, 11:00 a.m., to honor our high school graduate.

Mission Update: Mission Update will be postponed until Sunday, June 3rd.

Silk Plants: There are numerous hanging baskets of silk plants and a potted plant in the education wing. If you would like to have any of the items, please feel to take them home with you.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	7:00 pm	<i>Adult Instruction @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:30 pm	Memorial Service @ KRCC
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Bible Class/Last Sunday of Sunday School
	11:00 am	Potluck Recognition
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ KRCC

<p>Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM Church: 873-4388 Parsonage: 873-4223 revheller@westriv.com concordiasecretary@westriv.com Website: www.concordiabeulah.org</p>

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