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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.  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.  
Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

## **DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting One

### **Hymn of Invocation**

# 471 (st. 1-4)

### **Confession & Absolution**

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### **Introit**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

Seek the Lord and his strength

**seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

He remembers his covenant forever;

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**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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### **Kyrie**

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### **This is the Feast**

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### **Salutation & Collect**

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Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **First Reading:** Acts 5:12-20 (ESV)

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick

into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### **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: Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right

hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**"Alleluia"** p. 156

**Holy Gospel:** St. John 20:19-31 (ESV)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "*Peace be with you.*"

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.*" And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.*"

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "*Peace be with you.*" Then He said to Thomas, "*Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.*" Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "*Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*"

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Nicene Creed** p. 158

**Hymn of the Day** # 471 (st. 5-9)

**Sermon** The Many Faces of Doubt

**Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

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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,**

- † Stella Gramm & Cheryl Mittelsteadt;
- † Aaron & Anne Rosenow, birth of a daughter, Delaney McKenzie.
- † Ray & Lorraine Sorge & Family, on the death of Ray’s father.

## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 192      Offerings: \$4,391.00

Where was Thomas on Easter evening, anyway? Perhaps he was the only one brave enough to leave the upper room which was “locked for fear of the Jews” and go out and buy the groceries. But what good was his bravery without faith in the risen Christ? Works without faith are dead – just as faith without works is dead. True faith leads to a true confession (“My Lord and my God!”) and then to true works. So it is with all our works, including stewardship – they flow from faith or they are dead.

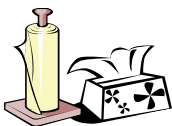
**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Welcome to worship in this season of Easter as we gather to rejoice that Christ has overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Today in Sunday school** the children learn that we, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family times when it was hard to trust and believe in the promises of God. Talk about faith and where it comes from (the Holy Spirit). In your catechism review, study the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its explanation.

**Hazen Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** will be hosting their annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pie today, at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering. All proceeds will be given to SMC and used to provide continuing excellent patient care. Supplemental income has been applied for from Oliver, Mercer Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter # 31353. We hope to see you there!



**It’s Back:** Family Game Night is Wednesday, April 10th. Please bring any games you would like to play. Bring a snack to share and your own non-alcoholic beverage. There will be games for all ages!



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

**Baby Shower:** The Sarah Guild will be hosting a baby shower for Grady Elkins, the son of Stephen and Savannah Elkins, on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. The entire congregation is invited to attend the shower to welcome the new baby into the Family of Concordia.

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Kylie Scherer & Katlyn & Nona Blaisdell would like to thank the Congregation for their support of the Lenten supper and Easter breakfast fundraisers. We greatly appreciate your helping us to attend the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Mission Update
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Hannover
Tuesday	10:15 am	KRCC Communion
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	6:30 pm	Family Game Night
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Friday - Saturday		Pastor @ District BOD Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service * Mites collected
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	2:00 pm	Elkins Baby Shower

**Church Office Hours**  
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