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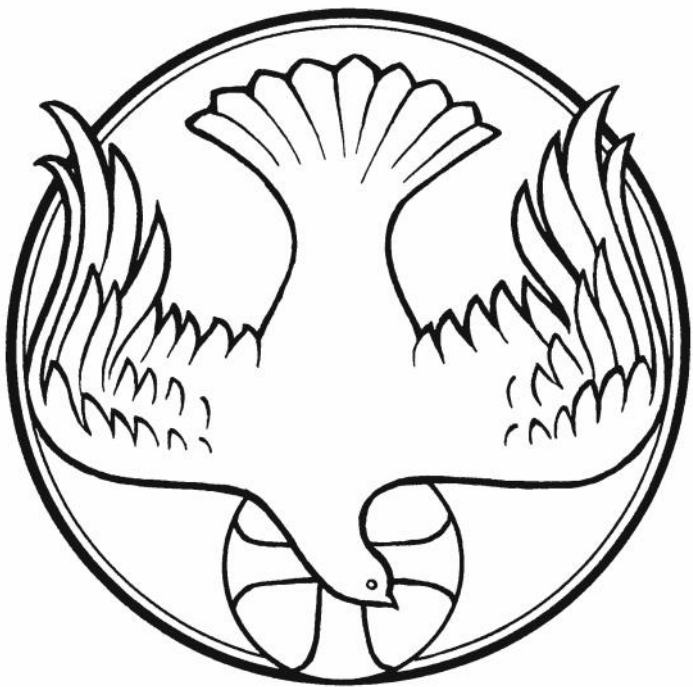
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We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

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 # 770

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Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

Forever, O Lord, your word

is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day,

for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have given me life.

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.

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

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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 Lesson: Acts 17:16-31 (ESV)

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean

and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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 3:13-22 (ESV)

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 14:15-21 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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Hymn of the Day # 779

Sermon "I will not leave you as orphans"

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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 high school graduates, as they graduate today;
- † For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 141 Offerings: \$2,934.00

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that come from? Jesus tells us that as well, *“She was forgiven much, so she loved much”* (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins—and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

We are the ND District...

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is hosting a major Stewardship Conference in St. Louis this week. Representing the ND District will be Rev. Tom Eckstein, Rev. Adam Moline, Bill Sharpe, and me. The foundation of Biblical stewardship is who we are in Christ. We are His redeemed children for all eternity. Believing this, how do we then manage life and all of life’s resources? This is a good question for pastors, congregations, and our beloved church body to consider.

President Baneck

Welcome to worship in the season of Easter. Today, we look forward to Christ's ascension and His sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Even though Jesus has ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, we rejoice. Jesus has not left us alone, as helpless orphans in this vale of tears. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, who brings us to Jesus, so that we trust, rejoice and find comfort in our Savior. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Vacation Bible School will be June 1-5, 5:00—7:30 p.m.



Registration sheets are on the table in the social hall. Please put all completed sheets in Joslyn Frey or Anne Rosenow's mailbox. All children are invited to join us!

Stewardship Chair: We are in need of a Stewardship Chairman to serve on the Church council. If you are interested, please talk to Jamey Backus.

We would like to thank Lorraine Sorge & Blake & Cheryl



Wiedrich for planting flowers in the flower bed. We would also like to thank Thrivent for the funds to purchase the flowers.

The LWML ND District Convention will be held June 20-22 at NDSCS in Wahpeton with the theme, "Filled...& Overflowing" (John 7:37-38). Registration begins at 12 noon on Friday, June 20, with servant events, choir practice and a delegate meeting in the afternoon followed by a fellowship dinner and worship service at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. All women, spouses and guests are invited to attend any or all of the convention. Registration forms can be found at ndlwml.org/messenger or talk to your LWML unit president. Blocks of rooms are being held for you to reserve your own hotel room, or dorm rooms at NDSCS are available at \$25/night for a single room or \$15/person/night for a double room. Housing information is found on the registration form. See you in Wahpeton where you will be Filled...& Overflowing with God's love.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday Church Office Closed

Tuesday 2:00 pm Bible Class

Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for June calendar
information
2:30 pm *Pastor @ Marian Manor
(Glen Ullin)*

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
10:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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