

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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2nd Sunday of Easter



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

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn of Invocation

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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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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 Lesson: Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 1:1-2:1 (ESV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

“Alleluia”

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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.

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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 & recovering: Gayleen Briggs, Eileen Keller, Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), Deane Weidner & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner).

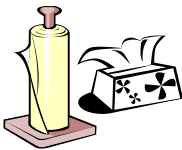
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter as we gather to rejoice that Christ has overcome death and the grave and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



LWML mites will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). Please join us for Bible class this morning as we begin a new study of 1 John.

April Human Care Project is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please put your donation in the shelf unit in the entryway.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance
Attendance: 210 Offerings: \$5,811.53

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, *"Peace be with you."*" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



Blessing of Communion Pall

Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels used to convey to us His body and blood should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless this Pall for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from this vessel may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the (†) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this Pall and all who receive the life-giving Sacraments.

Amen.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service *Mites collected
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Mandan
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	3 rd Year Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Handbell Practice
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	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

Church Office Hours

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