

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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4th Sunday of Easter



*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

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Introit

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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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 Lesson: Acts 4:1-12 (ESV)

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be 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 John 3:16-24 (ESV)

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide

in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:11-18 (ESV)

[Jesus says] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Still Waters

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handbells will ring “Abide with Me” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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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.

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!

Bible Class: This Tuesday, April 28, Bible class will meet at the Knife River Care Center, 1:00 pm.

Parents of 3rd-Year Catechism Students, please meet with Pastor Heller after Questioning Wednesday evening.

Roofing Project: The voters at the November meeting approved the borrowing of up to \$65,000 for a new roof for the Church. The roof work will require 200 squares of shingles at a cost of \$300 per square (please keep in mind these are approximate estimates). Donations of any amount are welcome to help with this expense. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.



Stamp Collecting: Our LWML helps other LWML Districts for Mission Projects. If you would like to contribute to this project, we ask that you save everyday stamps and put them in the "Stamp Collection" box in the social hall. When cutting out the stamps leave about 1/4 inch border around the stamp. These will be sent to the Mission that is using the funds for projects. All foreign stamps are usable and sellable. We appreciate your support.



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In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Gayleen Briggs, Eileen Keller, Autumn Schaan, Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner).



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 126 Offerings: \$3,113.56

"I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

We are the North Dakota District – This week is a very special week for many 4th year seminarians receiving their first calls into the public ministry. It is very possible that the ND District may once again be calling men from the seminary this week. We especially pray for those calling congregations and the men the Lord has called to our wonderful North Dakota District. This would be a great time to think of your own pastor and especially pray for him this week.

President Baneck

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Catechism
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Tuesday 1:00 pm Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Questioning
- Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for May calendar information
- Sunday Confirmation Sunday
 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

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