

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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6th Sunday of Easter



*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

Holy baptism p. 268

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.**

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and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

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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 Lesson: 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.

The Handchimes will ring *"Simple Gifts"*.

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"

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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."

Hymn of the Day # 779

Sermon "Love one another as I have loved you"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Handchimes will ring "*Here I am to Worship*" during the gathering of our morning offerings.

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Distribution Hymns # 556 (st. 1, 5-10), 618

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Closing Hymn # 770

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, Elsie Buchmann, Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);
- † Jace, baptized today;
- † Bernie Keller & Family, as they mourn Eileen's death;
- † For our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;
- † For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 169 Offerings: \$3,407.00

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

We are the North Dakota District – Happy Mother’s Day to all of our mothers and grandmothers in the North Dakota District. Motherhood is indeed a godly and vital vocation for the spiritual, physical, and emotional nurture of God’s children. This is a great day to remember how God has given new birth to each of us through the waters of Holy Baptism and how He nurtures each of us through His holy Word and Meal.

President Baneck

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!

At the Font: We rejoice that Jace James Cramer, the son of Jade Schaan & Jeffery Cramer, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy



Baptism. In obedience to Christ’s most gracious promise, Jace is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. “[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).

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. Marin 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).

Bible Class will meet Monday, May 11, at the Knife River Care Center, 10:00 am.

Council Members, please remember our meeting Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm.

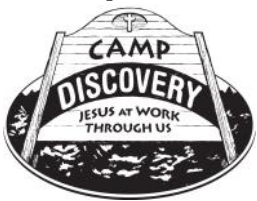
Pastor Heller will be on vacation May 13 — 26. Please note that this is a change from the May calendar. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.



Potluck Brunch Recognition: Please join us Sunday, May 17th, 10:30 am., for a potluck brunch to recognize our Confirmands and 2015 high school graduates.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dearest sister in the faith, Eileen Keller. Christian Burial will be at the Church Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 am. *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them (Rev. 14:14)."*

Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School will be held at the Church May 31-June 4 from 5-7:30 pm. All children from ages 3-6th grade are invited to join us. Registration forms will be sent home with Sunday School students. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please let Anne Rosenow know.



The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.



Roofing Project Updates

- 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.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Tuesday	10:15 am	Knife River Care Center Communion
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School *Last Day of Sunday School
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch Recognition

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**Happy
Mother's
Day!**