

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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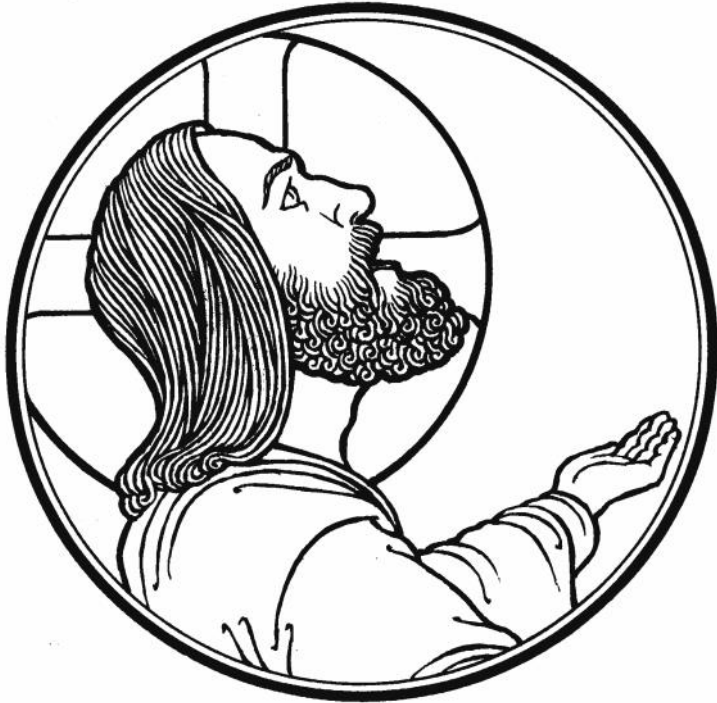
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Beulah, North Dakota

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



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

*I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                # 525

**Confession & Absolution**        p. 151

**Introit**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**whom shall I fear?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to  
inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;**

**he will lift me high upon a rock.**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

**but the Lord will take me in.**

Wait for the Lord;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for  
the Lord!**

**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.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

**Kyrie**                                      p. 152

**This is the Feast**                    p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**              p. 156

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)**

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

" 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and " 'Let another take his office.' "

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## **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.**

**Sunday School Children**      “Seek Ye First”

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 5:9-15 (ESV)

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**“Alleluia”**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 17:11b-19 (ESV)

*[Jesus says] Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them*

*because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."*

**Apostles' Creed** p. 159

**Hymn of the Day** # 553

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Handbells** "Songs of Worship and Praise"

**"What Shall I Render"** p. 159

**The Lord's Prayer** p. 162

**Closing Collect**

**Benediction** p. 166

**Closing Hymn** # 492

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick & recovering: Elsie Buchmann, Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);

† Dorothy Dschaak & Family, as they mourn Delmar's death;

† For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.

**Welcome to worship** on the last Sunday of the Easter season. This Sunday marks a unique time for the life of the Lord's Church. Our Lord has ascended into heaven; the promised Comforter has not yet come at Pentecost. We pray this Sunday, "Leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth You promised from the Father." Our Lord hears and answers our cry of faith. He keeps His promise not to leave us as helpless orphans, but sends the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Thank you** Jamey Backus for leading worship this morning.



**Potluck Recognition:** Please join us at 10:30 am. to honor our 2015 confirmands and high school graduate.

**Thank You:** Today is the last Sunday of Sunday school for the spring. We would like to thank our Sunday School teachers for their loving and dedicated service. The family of Concordia greatly appreciates your work!

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

**Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School** will be held at the Church May 31-June 4 from 5-7:30 pm. All children from ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> 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. Registration forms are on the table in the social hall.



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

**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 brother in the faith, Delmar Dschaak. Christian Burial will be at the Church Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 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)."*

### **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.



### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 131 Offerings: \$2,502,00

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
		*Last day of Sunday School
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch Recognition
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**All are  
Welcome**