

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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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.

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

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

471 (st. 1-4)

Confession & Absolution

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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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Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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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 5:12-20 (ESV)

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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: Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

"Alleluia" p. 156

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.

Nicene Creed	p. 158
Hymn of the Day	# 471 (st. 5-9)
Sermon	The Keys of Death and Hades
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
<i>The Handchimes will ring "See What a Morning" during the gathering of our morning offerings.</i>	
"What Shall I Render"	p. 159
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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: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Langmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Brenda Weigum.


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). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

“I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades” (Rev. 1:18). Please join us this morning as we continue our study of the book of Revelation.

Attention LWML Members: The joint meeting scheduled for April 7th has been changed to April 10th at 10:15 am. We will meet following Bible class in the Confirmation classroom in the fellowship hall. Business items will be discussed along with election of officers.

The LWML SW Zone Spring Rally will be held at St. Matthews, Hazen on Saturday, April 9th. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Council Minutes and *“Happy Times”* booklets for the children are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



The family of Concordia would like to thank:

- † Vicky and all who donated food and helped with the Easter breakfast. \$179 in free will offering was collected. After expenses, \$42 was given to the church;
- † Those who brought Easter lilies;
- † Cindy & the Bell & Chime choirs for their special music throughout the Lenten season;
- † Those who brought soup, sandwiches, & dessert during Lent.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 230 Offerings: \$4,678.29

“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.”* Fear is the opposite of faith, that is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful to us. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up: we have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.



Before they become Husband and Wife
Let’s shower them with things
for their new life!

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring
Lindsay Tyrrell and
Andrew Heller
at Concordia Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm.

† 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	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	2:30 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
Saturday	9:00 am	LWML SW Zone Rally, St. Matthew, Hazen
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	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	LWML Joint Meeting
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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