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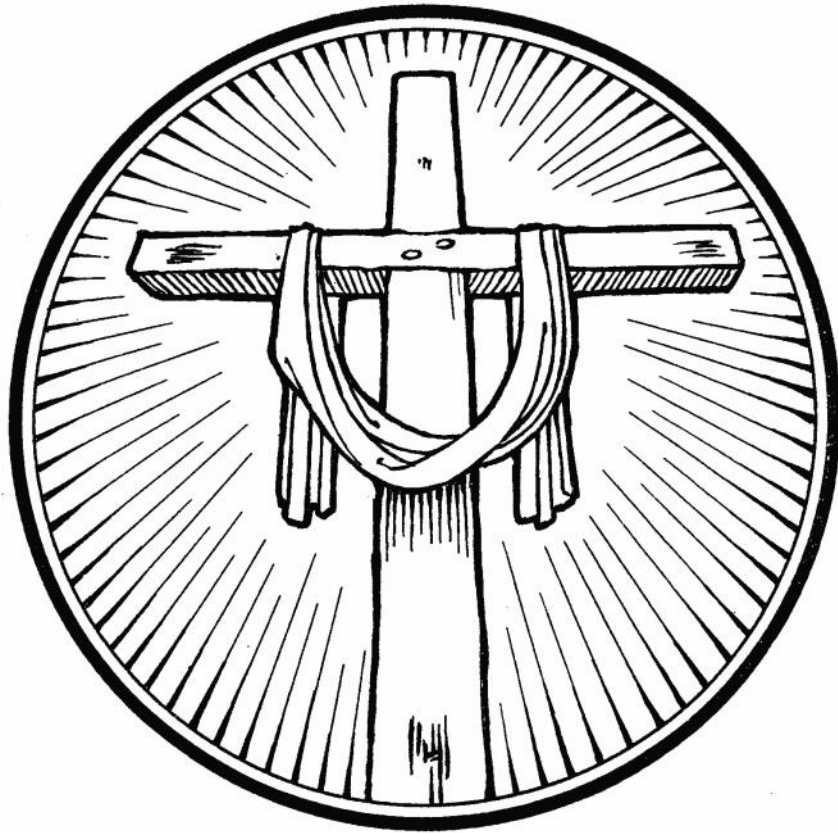
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The Resurrection of our Lord



*Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel.*

2 Timothy 1:10b

Please rise

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Let us pray...

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn # 457

The ornaments and the paraments, previously stripped from the altar for the solemn service of Good Friday, are returned to the altar as an expression of our joy on this festival of our Lord's resurrection.

Kyrie p. 152

"This is the Feast" p. 155

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25 (ESV)

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

 **Special Music:** The Handchimes ring "Jesus Christ is Risen Today".

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (ESV)

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.


Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 474

Sermon: *"He is not here, but has risen"*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

 *The Handbells will ring "Jesus Shall Reign" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns # 477, 465, 475

"Thank the Lord" p. 164

Post-Communion Collect p. 166

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 461

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;

† The family of Carl E. Fischer, as they mourn his death.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Offerings: \$4,645.00 Attendance: 138

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." So Jesus is risen....but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us: there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in the empty tomb of Easter. We rejoice in the words of St. Paul, "Death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:57)." Death and the grave have been defeated forever by the Easter resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We especially rejoice and give thanks that the resurrection of Christ means that we and all believers will rise to eternal life in Christ. As He lives, we live today and for all eternity in Him. Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Please join us for breakfast following worship this morning.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in the faith, Carl E. Fischer. Christian burial was March 24, 2016. *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26).

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 Spring Zone Rally will be held at St. Matthews, Hazen on Saturday, April 9th. Be sure to mark your calendar for this local event. More information will follow shortly.

"Thank You" Deb Bonebrake and Ardella Halter for providing bars last Sunday.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	Easter Sunday	
	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for April Calendar Items
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>