

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



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

*Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,  
while He opened to us the Scriptures?*

*Romans 5:9; Luke 24:32*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 487

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**Introit**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**when brothers dwell in unity!**

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

**running down on the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

**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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O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14A, 36-41 (ESV)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them.

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with

many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## **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 Peter 1:17-25 (ESV)

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**"Alleluia"**

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## **Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 24:13-35 (ESV)

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "*What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?*" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that

have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "*What things?*" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "*O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?*" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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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: Dennis Blaisdell (brother of Steve), Tamara Bogo, Tom Bornemann, Esther Graf (sister of Lori Kuschel), & Anna Pischel;

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



**Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 135      Offerings: \$3,416.50

“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed — brought back from slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world: we belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

**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. 15:55, 57). Alleluia! Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Pastor Heller** will be at the Spring Pastors Conference this Monday — Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call Sandy Buchmann, 873-2356.

**The LYF** will be selling tubes of M & M candies as a fundraiser for **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** mobile pack that will be in Beulah on August 26, 2017. We ask that after they are empty to return them with pocket change (filled with quarters is \$14.00). They will be for sale after services each Sunday, starting April 30<sup>th</sup> until gone.



**Board of Lay Ministry**, we will meet this Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 pm.

**Adult Instruction:** Anyone desiring to become a communicant member of Concordia or learn more about the Christian faith is invited to join us. This week, we will meet Thursday, May 4, 6:30 pm.

**Vacation Bible School:** We are in need of a director for VBS. Please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor Heller if you are interested.

**The April Human care project** is collecting paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Suggestions are paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, and Kleenex.

**Greeters** are needed for the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.

You get as much out of something as you put in.

It's true of everything in life. Riding the fence never helps you actually come to a solid conclusion and never allows you to see the full potential benefits. You've got to commit, jump in with both feet before you can know one way or another. In school, you can show up to class and sit through it, 'ride the fence,' but never actually get anything out of it. And it all starts with your attitude. If you go into a situation with a bad attitude, you'll likely leave thinking your time was wasted. But a positive attitude and open mind will produce the opposite effect.

"The same is true of the gospel and church. I know lots of people who went to church, either at a young age, or maybe they're still going to church now. But their attitude was or is negative. They're just going through the motions, riding the fence, but never have actually committed. It's no surprise that these people see very little value in living the gospel or going to church and usually never have a shortage of negative things to say about their experience. These people ultimately end up leaving the faith (usually at a young age) without ever really giving it a chance. And by doing so, they leave not truly understanding what they're leaving behind.

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Richard Simenson  
Stewardship Chairman

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday      8:30 am      Divine Service  
                 9:30 am      Sunday School/Bible Class  
                 11:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday -      Pastor @ Pastors Conference  
Wednesday

Wednesday   7:00 pm      Elders Meeting  
                 7:00 pm      Chime Practice  
                 7:30 pm      Bell Practice

Thursday      1:30 pm      Naomi/Vesper Guild  
                 6:30 pm      Adult Instruction

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                 11:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM


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