

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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4th Sunday of Easter



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

*I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own
and My own know Me.*

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 709

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Introit

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

**for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies;

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

**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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Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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 2:19-25 (ESV)

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:1-10 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of

strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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Hymn of the Day # 735

Sermon: The Lord is My Shepherd

Prayer of the Church

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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: Tamara Bogo, Esther Graf (sister of Lori Kuschel), & Anna Pischel;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;

† For favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 125 Offerings: \$2,639.50

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed; it wages war against our soul — it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles: we belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship on Good Shepherd Sunday. We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in the season of Easter to rejoice and find comfort in the Easter victory of our Good Shepherd, Jesus. We rejoice that our Shepherd leads us through this valley of the shadow of death to the green pastures and still waters of heaven, where we will dwell forever. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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, until gone.

Council Members, please remember our meeting this Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 pm.



Potluck Recognition: Please join us Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m., for a potluck brunch to honor our 2017 high school graduates.

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

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 May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and the council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

The May Human Care Project is collecting pasta and



Macaroni & Cheese for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please place your items in the shelf unit in the entry way. Thank you.

† This Week at Concordia †

- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
- Monday 6:30 pm Adult Instruction
- Tuesday 10:15 am Holy Communion @ Knife
 River Care Center
- Wednesday 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice
- Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class
 * Last day of Sunday School
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

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