

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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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*

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." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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 white wool, like 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"

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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.

Hymn of the Day	# 687
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The Rite of Confirmation	
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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: Kent Larson, Doug Neuberger, & Melissa Wiebe;
- † For those confirmed today, that God would give them grace to keep the vows they make this day.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 156 Offerings: \$10,043.00

“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.”*”

John 20:19

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.

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

To instruct our children and make them firm in the Christian faith begun at their baptisms, we have the Rite of Confirmation. Today, we celebrate this rite. Today we welcome our confirmands as communicant members in our Lord’s Church. Having been instructed in the Six Chief Parts of Christian doctrine as outlined in the Small Catechism, they today acknowledge and confess the gifts God has given them in their baptisms and their intention to continue steadfast in this Christian faith and church.

On this day, we are reminded of our own confirmation confession and vows. How well it is that we today hear the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther:

“Look at these bored, presumptuous saints who will not or cannot read and study the Catechism daily. They evidently consider themselves much wiser than God himself and wiser than all his holy angels, prophets, apostles, and all Christians! God himself is not ashamed to teach it daily, for he knows of nothing better to teach, and he always keeps on teaching this one thing without varying it with anything new or different. All saints know of nothing better or different to learn, though they cannot learn it to perfection. Are we not most marvelous fellows, therefore, if we imagine, after reading or hearing it once that we know it all and need not read or study it anymore? Most marvelous fellows, to think we can finish learning in one hour what God himself cannot finish teaching! Actually, He is busy teaching it from the beginning of the world to the end, and all prophets and saints have been busy learning it and have always remained pupils, and must continue to do so.”

(Preface to the Large Catechism)

Vacation Bible School: We are in need of a director for VBS. If you are interested, please talk to Terence Schmidt or Pastor Heller.

If anyone is interested in providing meals for David & Melissa Wiebe & family, please contact Kristi Stevens for more information, 873-5841.

The Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting the annual Community Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pie on Sunday, May 5th at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM. Free will donation. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a much needed cardiac rehab machine for the hospital.

Main Street Living is a locally produced TV program featuring area LCMS pastors. It can be seen at 10:00 AM Sundays on Midcontinent Channel # 594 (the Xtra channel). On May 5th, Rev. Chris Waldvogel presents the message, "A Public Reinstatement." Today's *This Is The Life* program is "The Big Little Lie."



The May calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and Council Minutes are on the table in the fellowship hall.

Lacey's Mission Market: We are looking for people to bring some baked goods for the cafe'. Some will be sold as whole unit - others cut and sold individually the day of the market. Please call Gina Feist, 891-9006 or Darcee Wenning, 873-5650 for more information.

LACEY'S MISSION
MARKET *and* Cafe

Saturday, May 11, 2019
9am—2pm
Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

Lacey Wenning, *Beulah native*, has extended her mission calling, in Asia, to serve for a 2nd year. To support her service please shop our Market of upcycled items, outdoor items, children's & much more!

Enjoy a latte's, Italian soda, & a sweet from our Café!
PLUS!!! Whole pies & sweets will also be available to purchase for your Mother's Day Celebration!

"Buy Ahead" option: as available, items prior to sale day will be posted on our FB page (Prince of Peace WMF Events), first to respond wins the item! Winners have 24 hrs to pickup & pay, otherwise will go to next bidder.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday Confirmation Sunday
8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service
11:00 am Sunday School

Thursday 1:30 pm Guild Meeting

Sunday 8:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
10:00 am Divine Service
11:00 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

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Communion attendance this morning.*