

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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*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**                      # 475

**Confession & Absolution**              p. 151

**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**    p. 152

**“This is the Feast”**                              p. 155

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 156

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 Reading:** Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **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 John 1:1-2:2 (ESV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**“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.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
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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,**



- † Derek Sullivan;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care;
- † For rain and favorable weather that we may have a bountiful harvest.

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from *Lutheran Service Book*

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



**LWML mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offerings.

**LWML Zone Rally:** The SW Zone LWML Rally will be held via Zoom on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am. Please join us at Concordia on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so that we can watch it together at Church. You are welcome to join us! Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information on the Rally.

**Brexyn Baker**, son of Robert and Katlyn Baker, will be baptized on May 9<sup>th</sup> into the Concordia family. We will be doing a shower for Brexyn, but this time in a different fashion. Katlyn and Robert have a daughter, Hollyn, who spent time in NICU at hospitals and they have been doing a project for NICU's since that time and would like to take donations for that project instead of getting gifts for themselves and Brexyn and pass those on to others in need. Every year, they pack up these project bags and deliver to the hospitals in Bismarck for families in need. Each bag includes a handmade blanket, burp cloth, color books and crayons for the kids and adult coloring books and word search books and colored pencils for the adult/caregiver. Other items used for the bags are books, toys, baby clothing and accessories such as chapstick, hair ties, etc. If you would like to donate to this, please leave your items on the LWML table in the social hall and Katlyn will pick them up on May 9<sup>th</sup> to use for her project. Any questions, please talk to Katlyn or Nona. Thank you and Welcome to the Concordia Family Brexyn!

**During the month of April**, donations of paper products will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may include paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue and Kleenex.

**The April calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet and council minutes are on the table in the social hall.

**Main Street Living:** On Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Steve Schulz presents the message "Open Minds, Open Mouths," based on Luke 24:36-49. Main Street Living is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays.



## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service * Mites collected
	11:00 am	Sunday School/3 <sup>rd</sup> -Year Catechism
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Saturday	9:30 am	SW Zone LWML Rally via Zoom
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 127 Offerings: \$4,541.00

*“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,  
‘Peace be with you.’”*

John 20:19

The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us—not our works—we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons—out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

