

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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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**

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Introit

I am the good shepherd,

**I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

and I shall 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.

I am the good shepherd,

**I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

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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 4:1-12 (ESV)

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection

from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be 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 John 3:16-24 (ESV)

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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Holy Gospel: St. John 10:11-18 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

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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,

† 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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Welcome to worship on Good Shepherd Sunday. We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in the season of Easter to rejoice and find comfort in the victory our Good Shepherd Jesus won for us in His Easter resurrection. 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!

Brexyn Baker, son of Robert and Katlyn Baker, will be baptized on May 9th 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 9th to use for her project. Any questions, please talk to Katlyn or Nona. Thank you and Welcome to the Concordia Family Brexyn!



Greeters are needed for the month of May. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Main Street Living: On Sunday, May 2nd, Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf presents the message "True Vine Connection," based on John 15:1-8. Main Street Living is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays.



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

Thursday, April 29th from 7:30 am—4:30 pm join Karla Boehm's Thrivent office in assisting local women in need. Bring a donation to The Grind Coffee Hut for the Women's Action & Resource Center. Items in need are canned soup, boxed dinners, cereal, bathroom tissue, kids snacks, Kleenex, shampoo and conditioner. You will receive a free medium coffee beverage of your choice as a thank you.



† This Week at Concordia †

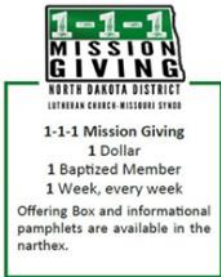
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	2:45 pm	4-H
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Questioning
Sunday		Confirmation Sunday
	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$2,017.00

"I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me."

John 10:14



What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning

North Dakota District LCMS Message in the Pew April 2021

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is a beautiful Bible camp in the Turtle Mountains near St. John, ND and is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Their mission is to provide a Christ-centered faith and life enrichment through year-round outdoor ministry.



Shepherd's Hill Retreat offers their own planned scheduled events. Summer youth, family and day camps, retreats, and weekend events are available to community, church groups and individuals. Facilities also can be rented out to those who want to plan their own events.

A new fundraising event this year is the Turtle Mountain Outdoor Archery Shoot on May 8, 2021! To learn more about this opportunity and all of the events at camp, visit shretreat.org, contact Pastor Jon Bonine at 701-244-5225 or 1-800-289-2992 or email director@shretreat.org. SHCR can be also be found at [Facebook.com/SHRetreat](https://www.facebook.com/SHRetreat).

*Be Strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
Ephesians 6:10*

Congregations' Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (served by Rev. Aaron Filipek).

Trinity, LaMoure: vacancy (served by Rev. Chris Brademeyer).

Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (served by Rev. Tom Eckstein).

St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Michael Wolters).

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Bob Hill, St Paul, Wimbledon, St. Paul, Kensal, Our Savior, Pettibone, and Redeemer, Woodworth, returned a call to Trinity and St. James, Munger, MI.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior, Cavalier, St. Paul, St. Thomas and Redeemer, Langdon, returned a call to Trinity, Sidney, MT and St. John, Fairfield, MT.

**North Dakota District LCMS
Financial Information
March 2021**

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$83,136.16
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(29,097.66)
Other Gifts	1,930.96
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$55,969.46

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$18,561.07
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	31,868.48
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,189.49)
Current gifts given for these missions	(3,728.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000) (These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	0.00
Net Expenses	\$45,512.06
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR MARCH	\$10,457.40
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$3,178.23
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$29,238.40

March was a very good month for giving in the District and we will be able to make a quarterly payment to our International missions. Praise be to God! In our digital age, online giving options make a lot of sense. If your congregation does not take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of March 31, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$2,180.00
Chile Partnership	\$1,420.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

He has risen! Let Easter joy encourage you to donate for
Chile, CCKK or other missions. Send your donations to
ND District, PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106.