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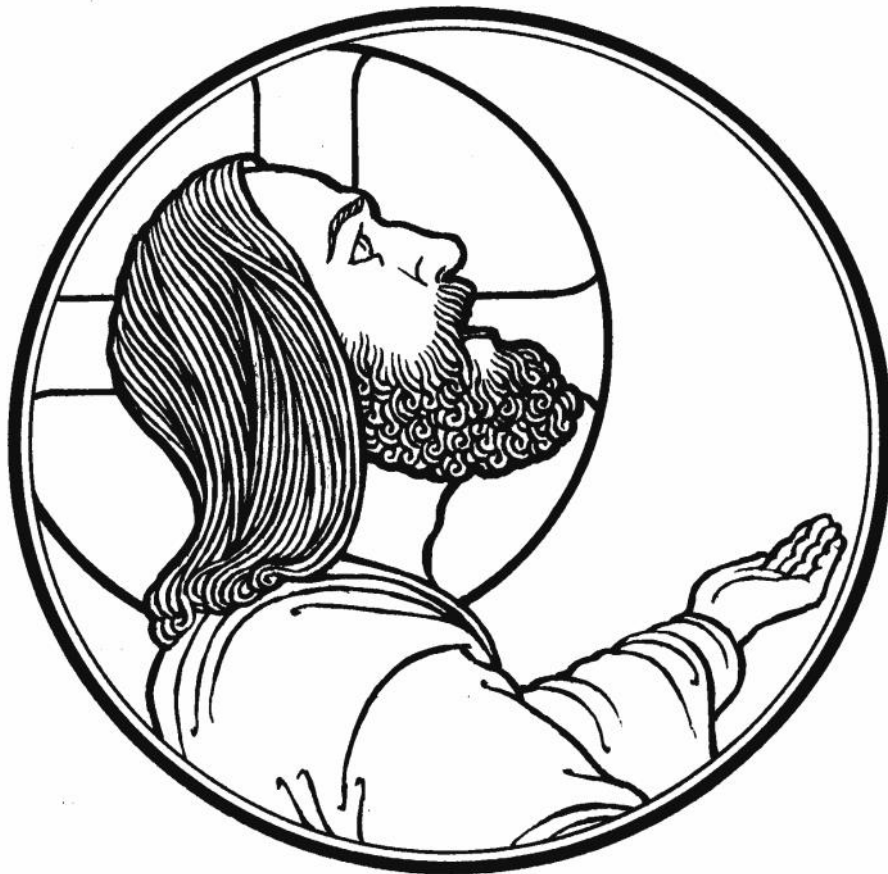
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Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter



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

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 525

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the Lord will take me in.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

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“This Is the Feast” p. 155

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of

persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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 5:9-15 (ESV)

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

“Alleluia”

p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 17:11b-19 (ESV)

[Jesus says] “Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Apostles’ Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 644

Sermon: Judas, Matthias, and You

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Distribution Hymns: # 617, 492, 553

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Closing Hymn # 643

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.

Welcome to worship on the last Sunday of the Easter season. This Sunday marks a unique time for the life of the Lord's Church. Our Lord has ascended into heaven; the promised Comforter has not yet come at Pentecost. We pray this Sunday, "Leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth You promised from the Father." Our Lord hears and answers our cry of faith. He keeps His promise not to leave us as helpless orphans, but sends the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Recognition: Please join us following worship for a cake, coffee, and punch reception to honor our Confirmands and our 2021 high school graduates.

Today is the last day of Sunday School for the spring. We would like to thank our teachers for their loving and dedicated work. God's Word assures us, *Your labor in the Lord is not in vain* (1 Co 15:58).

Greeters are needed for the months of May, June, and July. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Donations of pasta and Macaroni & Cheese for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of May. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.



Main Street Living can be heard on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Episodes of "This Is the Life" precede it at 10:00 am.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 92 Offerings: \$3,002.00

*"Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son does not have life."
1 John 5:12*

Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

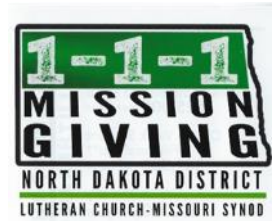


North Dakota District LCMS Message in the Pew May 2021

1-1-1 Mission Giving

What is 1-1-1? What is it used for? Why one dollar per Sunday? Our congregational members would like some answers!

1-1-1 Mission Giving is our LCMS members giving \$1 per baptized member per week to help fund missions in the North Dakota District. **It is simple!** Place your dollar for each member of your family in the box located in your church each Sunday. These dollars are sent to the District with the congregation's regular mission offerings and are used only for North Dakota District missions. Don't carry cash? You can send a check directly to the District office for \$52 per member and mention it's for 1-1-1. Thanks to all of you who support 1-1-1!



Who are these ND missions? Wittenberg Chapel, All Faith's Chapel at Life Skills and Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth Ministry, Main Street Living North, Church Worker Assistance Program, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya, and our Chile Partnership all benefit. The mission expenses (except for the International missions) can be found in the first expense line of the Financial Information. The 1-1-1 Mission Giving money sent to the District is also listed.

The North Dakota District has 18,150 baptized members. \$1/1 member/1 week x 52 weeks = \$943,800. Just imagine the mission work we could do!!! Look for a special collection box and an informational brochure at your church!

Congregations' Status

President, Arie Bertsch

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

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

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

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

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel, Wahpeton is considering a call to First Lutheran, El Cajon, CA.

Mrs. Susan Jahnke has accepted the call for Principal at Grace Lutheran School, Fargo.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
April 2021

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	74,535.23
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(26,087.33)
Other Gifts	1,357.39
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$49,805.29

EXPENSES

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$13,135.11
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	39,143.51
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,917.19)
Current gifts given for these missions	(3,676.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	2,500.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	6,750.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available.)	

Net Expenses **\$55,935.43**

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR APRIL **\$6,130.14**

Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses **\$0.00**

Year To Date NET INCOME **\$23,732.70**

April was an average month for giving in the District and at first glance it looks like a loss, but we did pay out over \$9K to our International missions. And we are still in the black! 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 April 30, 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.

You can now give to the District via on-line through Joyful Response. Click on the GivePlus+ button on nodaklcms.org.