

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



*"I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."*

*John 11:25*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, "Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)." Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon.

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.

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting Three**

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 420 (st. 1-4)

**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

Precious in the sight of the Lord

**is the death of his saints.**

I love the Lord, because he has heard

**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,

**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord;

**"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

For you have delivered my soul from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**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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**is the death of his saints.**

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis** *is omitted during Lent*

**Salutation & Collect**

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Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

## **Gradual**

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## **Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if

Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**“Alleluia”** *is omitted during Lent*

**Holy Gospel:** John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, he whom You love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it He said, *“This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”*

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. Then after this He said to the disciples, *“Let us go to Judea again.”* The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?” Jesus answered, *“Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”* After saying these things, He said to them, *“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.”* The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, *“Your brother will rise again.”* Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”* She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. And

He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "*Take away the stone.*" Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "*Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?*" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "*Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.*" When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "*Lazarus, come out.*" The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "*Unbind him, and let him go.*"

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 191
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 548
<b>Sermon</b>	Let Us Go Die with Him
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**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Joann Dilger (sister of Carol Hartman) and Ernie Riegel.

## Announcements



**Promised Treasures:** Join us for our mid-week Lenten worship this Wednesday, 6:30 pm, as we look at “Palms and Victory.” Soup and Sandwiches are served at 5:30 pm.



**Palm Sunday:** Next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sunday School children will be carrying palm branches to begin our worship service.

**Church Pictorial Directory:** Pictures will again be taken Tuesday, April 4 — Wednesday, April 5, for those who did not have their pictures taken in January.



**Card Shower:** We are having a card shower for Eric & Hayley Heller and their twin baby daughters, Eliza Drew & Palmer Louise, born March 2, 2023. There is a table in the social hall you can put cards on until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, please talk to Nona.



**The March Human Care Project** is collecting Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Suggestions are, bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, snack bars, etc.

**The April calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet and April—June “*Portals of Prayer*” booklets are on the table in the social hall.



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



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### **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 69      Offerings: \$4,995.00

*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 8:1

This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Zion, Bismarck
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches-Group 3
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
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### Church Office Hours

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