Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

801 Beacon Lane Beulah, North Dakota Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor April 21, 2024

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

+ In the Name of Jesus +

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Hymn of Invocation # 710

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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.

Kyrie

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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

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

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

[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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Hymn of the Day	# 740
Sermon: "I say, the	True Shepherd"

Offering "What Shall I Render" Prayer of the Church Service of the Sacrament Distribution Hymns "Thank the Lord" Post-Communion Collect	p. 159 p. 160 # 735, 625, 588 p. 164 p. 166	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.
Benediction Closing Hymn	p. 166 # 711	All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.
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WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge) & Mary Weidner (sister of Carolyn Riegel).

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 84 Offerings: \$2,550.00 *"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.

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) North Dakota District invites you to the 41st Biennial Convention in Bismarck, June 14-16, 2024. The convention theme is "Lord of All Creation" based on the verse "For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him." Colossians 1:16.

Attendees will join in worship Bible study, servant events, and fellowship. Delegates will elect new officers, approve the mission goal and select the mission grants for the 2024-2026 biennium.

The convention speakers are Rev. Dr. Adam Filipeck, pastor at Holy Cross, Lidgerwood and Immanuel, rural Lidgerwood and author of "Life in Christ – Rooted, Woven, and Grafted into God's Story"; Rev. Steve Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central; Rev. Max Phillips, Executive

Director of Lutheran Family Service; LWML Representative, Pres. Eden Keefe.

Please join us and bring a friend!

More information and Convention Registration forms are available at: <u>http://www.ndlwml.org</u>

Announcements

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!

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Olson for leading worship this morning.



Ingathering: The April Human Care Ingathering is paper products for Women's Action & Resource Center. Suggestions are, paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, Kleenex, etc.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday School Divine Service
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Friday	9:00 am	Deadline for May calendar
Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin Sunday School Divine Service Bible Class

