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

In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 686

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Introit

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Blessed be God,

**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast love from me!**

**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.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

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O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you

yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not

burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

“Alleluia”

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Holy Gospel: St. John 15:9-17

[Jesus says] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Nicene Creed

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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);
- † For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.

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.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship in this season of Easter. “Grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them,” we pray in our Collect. Having been raised to new life in Christ, we reflect the love of Christ to the world. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Spring Pastors Conference: Pastor Heller will be attending the District Spring Pastors Conference in Fargo this Monday — Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 870-0621.

Council Members, we will meet this Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm.



Potluck Recognition: Please join us Sunday, May 19, 11:15 am, for potluck to recognize our 2024 high school graduates.



Ingathering: The May Human Care Ingathering is pasta and Macaroni & Cheese for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

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

The LWML District Convention is
June 14 – 16 in Bismarck. More information
and Convention Registration forms are
available at <http://ndlwml.org>.

- Envelopes for the Virtual Mite Walk are in the narthex. \$1 for each day of May will go towards the LWML ND mission grant goals.
- There is an ingathering of items for Holy Cross – Friends in Mission and Martin Luther School. A complete list of items is posted in the narthex. Items may be placed in the tub under the list of items for the ingathering.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 95 Offerings: \$8,697.07

*“For this is the love of God,
that we keep His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome.”*

1 John 5:3

God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday — Wednesday	Pastor @	Spring Pastors Conference
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
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	9:15 am	Sunday School
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Church Office Hours

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

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