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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

Salutation & Collect p. 156

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 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 20:17-35

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of

his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "*I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.*"

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 735

Sermon: "*They will never perish*"

Offering

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Distribution Hymns: # 740, 801, 725

"Thank the Lord" p. 164

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Closing Hymn # 711

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.

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

Announcements

On Mother's Day, we celebrate how our mothers confessed their Christian faith to us. How well it is for us to listen to the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in the explanation of the 4th commandment:

"The perversity of the world God knows very well. By means of commandments, therefore, He reminds and impels everyone to consider what his parents have done for him. Then everybody recognizes that he has been nourished and nurtured by them when otherwise he would have perished a hundred times in his own filth. The wise men of old were right

when they said 'God, parents, and teachers can never be sufficiently thanked and repaid,' he who views the matter in this light will, without compulsion, give honor to his parents and esteem them as those through whom God has given his all blessings" (Large Catechism).



Recognition Potluck: Please join us as we recognize our 2025 high school graduates and Confirmation class next Sunday, May 18th, 11:00 am. Ham and buns will be furnished.

A Retirement Party for Pastor Kirk & Lisa Peters will be held Saturday, May 17, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen. Open House is 12 – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be served 12 – 1:30 pm.



Donations of pasta and Macaroni & Cheese for Summit Recovery Center are welcome during the month of May. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.



Watering Schedule: There is a sign-up sheet for watering flowers at Church on the table in the social hall. The dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the

In our thoughts and prayers:



- ✠ Our sick & recovering: Anne Rosenow & Michelle Wolf:
- ✠ For Jeff & Connie Gegelman on the death of Connie's niece, Amanda Kist;
- ✠ For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Offerings: \$3,480.00 Worship: 82

*“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
and they follow Me.”*

John 10:27

On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

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| Sunday | 8:00 am | Worship @ Glen Ullin |
| | 10:00 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Class |
| Tuesday | 10:15 am | Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| Thursday | 2:30 pm | Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Worship @ Glen Ullin |
| | 10:00 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:00 am | Potluck Recognition |

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

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