

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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

*Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,  
while He opened to us the Scriptures?*

*Romans 6:9; John 24:32*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**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. *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57).* Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Divine Service**

**Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**make a joyful noise before the King, 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.**

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**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

**Kyrie**

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**“This is the Feast”**

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**Salutation & Collect**

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O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.

Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### **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 21:1-7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

**"Alleluia"**

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### **Holy Gospel: St. John 16:12-22**

[Jesus says] *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."*

*"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."*

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

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.

### In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✝ Our sick & recovering: Michelle Wolf;
- ✝ Our 2025 Beulah High School graduates;
- ✝ Thanksgiving for the blessing of rain that causes life and growth.

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## Announcements



**Recognition Potluck:** Please join this morning following worship as we recognize our 2025 high school graduates and Confirmation class. Ham and buns will be furnished.

**Pastor Heller** will be on vacation May 22 – 28. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 880-0621.



**Watering Flowers:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for watering the flowers at Church. Please note that the dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.



**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.

### ✝ This Week at Concordia ✝

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Potluck Recognition
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
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	10:00 am	Divine Service