

# 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.*

*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 ✠

**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!

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**Introit**

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

**he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

My heart is in anguish within me;

**the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

But I call to God,

**and the Lord will save me.**

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint  
and moan,

**and he hears my voice.**

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

**for many are arrayed against 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.**

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**he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

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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 16:9-15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed

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.

there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

### **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 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**"Alleluia"**

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### **Holy Gospel:** St. John 5:1-9

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, He said to him, "*Do you want to be healed?*" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "*Get up, take up your bed, and walk.*" And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

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

**Thank you** to Pastor Olson for leading worship this morning.



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



**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 following the date listed.

### Surrounding one another with love and prayer,



- ✝ Our sick: Ken Mickelson (uncle of Amy Bieber) and Michelle Wolf;
- ✝ Our high school graduates, that God would continue to give them faithfulness and guidance.
- ✝ On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have paid the last full measure of devotion to our nation so that we may live in freedom and the families who still grieve their loss.

### ✝ This Week at Concordia ✝

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Friday	9:00 am	Deadline for June Calendar items
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Elders Meeting

#### Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
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