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The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Luke 20:17b

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 803

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Salvation belongs to the Lord;

your blessing be on your people!

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the Lord,

and he answered me from his holy hill.

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

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your blessing be on your people!

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Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

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Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (ESV)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

“Alleluia” is omitted during Lent

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 20:9-20 (ESV)

And [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: *"A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'* But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, *'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'* And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. *What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."* When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, *"What then is this that is written: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?*

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on Him at that very hour, for they perceived that He had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched Him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch Him in something He said, so as to deliver Him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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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,

† Tom Bornemann, Clyde Eisenbeis, Stella Gramm, Katie Hafner, & Fred Oberlander;

† Rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may result in an abundant harvest.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 100 Offerings: \$2,636.00

“But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’” The mercy and blessing of God are full of irony. When God sent His son, humanity condemned Him to death. Our sins crucified Him. And yet—it was exactly this betrayal that God would use to cleanse us from our sins and make us His children. He turns even our wickedness to our blessing. Who could not love such a blessing God and gladly do what He commands?

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, "Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)." Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday school the children learn how in faith, a sinful woman lovingly anointed Jesus' feet. They also learned how in faith we grasp God's free mercy, receive the forgiveness of sins, and respond with acts of love and praise. As a family, consider ways that you might respond to God's mercy. Ask your children what sins God will forgive (all of them!), and in your catechism review, look at the section about the Confession of Sins.

Restore the Roar!: Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:30 p.m. As a fundraiser for a trip to the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX, the LYF will be serving a meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of the book of Amos.



All mothers of young children are invited to a short meeting following worship this morning to talk about updating the church nursery. Your ideas are welcome for what should be changed and what you would like to see in that room. If you have ideas but are unable to attend please talk to Cheryl Wiedrich, Jean Bornemann, or Cindy Peterson.

LYF: Grades 6-12 are invited to a Bible study and business meeting today at 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

Palm Sunday: The Sunday School children will be carrying palm branches into the sanctuary as part of our worship next Sunday, March 24th. Parents, please have your children in the education wing by 8:20 a.m.

Mission Mailings: A sample box of materials sent overseas is on display in the social hall. There is also a letter received from West Africa. Mission Mailing committee members are Marlene Schriefer, Bernice Herrmann, Eleanor Becker, & Lori Kuschel. *“So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).”*



Water Heater: The Church has a used propane water heater available. If you are interested or want more information, please talk to Tom Bornemann, 873-5689.

Preparing for Easter:

- Easter egg dyeing will be on Thursday, March 28th. Eight dozen hard-boiled eggs will be needed.
- Let's flood the altar with Easter Lilies. Please bring your Lily to church the week of Easter to be placed on the altar Easter morning. If you have questions, please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.

The Living Last Supper Drama will be presented at Bethel Lutheran Church, 615 East Turnpike Avenue, Bismarck, on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. In this drama the disciples speak of how they met Jesus and how He has changed their lives. They are reacting to the words they just heard Jesus speak, “One of you will betray Me.”



Come and watch the drama unfold! This is a free presentation.

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	1:00 pm	LYF Meeting-Grades 6-12
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild @ Church
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Fundraiser Meal by LYF
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*