

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**



*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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**Gloria Patri**                      p. 186

**Kyrie**                      p. 186

**Gloria In Excelsis** *is omitted during Lent*

**Salutation & Collect**                      p. 189

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:** 2 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,**

† Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Langmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Brenda Weigum.

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

## Announcements

March 13, 2016

**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 our 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!



**Christ, the Lamb of God:** Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. "On the Jordan Banks, The Lamb" will be the focus of our worship. Please join us for soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm.

**Board of Lay Ministry,** we will meet Wednesday, March 16, 7:15 pm.



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

**Let's fill the altar with Easter Lilies!** Please have your plants at the Church by March 26<sup>th</sup>, to be placed on the altar Easter morning. If you have any questions, please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.



**Easter Breakfast:** We will be serving Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, following worship. A list of needed items will be posted. Anyone willing to help organize or helping in any way, please contact Vicky Yeager.

**"Thank You"** Leeta Aanderud and Nona Blaisdell for providing cookies/bars last Sunday.

**The March calendar,** birthday and anniversary sheet, "My Devotions" booklets for the children, and the January council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.

### Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 141 Offerings: \$5,272.50

"He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom – let us not take it for granted, but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

### † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & sandwiches-Elders & LYF
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Board of Lay Ministry
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin