

# 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*



**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14 (ESV)

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”** *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.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 191
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 565 [tune: Darwall's 148 <sup>th</sup> ]
<b>Sermon</b>	"Perhaps They Will Respect My Son"
<b>Offertory</b>	p. 192
<b>Offering</b>	<i>Handbells will ring "Go to Dark Gethsemane".</i>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 194
<b>Distribution Hymn</b>	# 420 (st. 1-4), 685, 632
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 199
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	p. 200
<b>Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	p. 201
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 429

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 nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

**Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 130 Offerings: \$3,378.00

*"He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."*

*When they heard this they said, "Surely not!" Luke 20:16*

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 let us respond with humble thanksgiving!

**LWML Mites** will be collected today following the gathering of our morning offering.

**Behold the Man!:** Please join us as we continue our midweek worship this Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm. Our worship will focus on A God Who Thirsts. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm.

**Council Members**, we will meet following worship on Wednesday, April 10.

**Palm Sunday:** Children are welcome to carry palm branches into the sanctuary as part of our Palm Sunday worship. Please have your children in the education area at 9:45 am next Sunday, April 14.

**Main Street Living** is a locally produced TV program featuring area LCMS pastors. It can be seen at 10:00 am Sundays on Midcontinent Channel # 594 (the Xtra channel). On April 14, Rev. Chris Brademeyer presents the message "Who is this King?" The special LHM Easter program is "Easter Is."

**The April calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, and January council minutes are available on the table in the social hall.

**During the month of April**, donations of paper products will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Items may include paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue and Kleenex.

**Thank you** to the following for providing bars/cookies for the month of March. Deb Bonebrake and family, Sandy Buchmann, Tina Heller, Sarah Guild (angel food cakes), Connie Schmidt, Marlene Schriefer, Carol Weigum, and Julie Zahn.

### † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service *Mites collected
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class/LWML Joint Meeting
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Supper – Group 3
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
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