

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

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



*"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone."*

*Luke 20:17b*

## ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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 sins, "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 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.

### DIVINE SERVICE

### Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

# 592

Holy Baptism

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### 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.**

**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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Kyrie

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**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

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

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

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.

**Hymn of the Day** # 644

**Sermon:** The Joy of Knowing Christ

**Offering**

**Offertory** p. 192

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament** p. 194

**Distribution Hymn** # 431, 575, 632

**Nunc Dimittis** p. 199

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**Benedicamus and Benediction** p. 201

**Closing Hymn** # 420 (st. 1, 5, 6, 7)

**In our thoughts and prayers:**



- ✠ Mark Kuschel (son of Marv & Lori);
- ✠ Remington, baptized today;
- ✠ For peace in Eastern Europe, that the Lord may bring an end to war and restore peace and freedom to the people of Ukraine;

✠ For rain and favorable weather, as our planting season draws near.

## Announcements

**At the Font:** We rejoice that Remington Kash Bickerstaff, the son of Lacey Walker & Eric Bickerstaff, is born again for



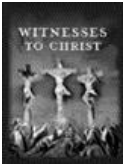
all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Remington is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life. *[God] has*

*saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).*



**LWML Mission Mites** will be collected during worship this morning.

**The Seven Signs:** Please join us for Bible study this morning as we continue looking at the seven "signs" witnessing to Christ in John's Gospel.



**Witness to Christ:** Join us this Wednesday for worship at 6:30 PM as we see Jesus through the eyes of Pontius Pilate. Soup and sandwiches are served at 5:30 PM.



**Palm Sunday:** Next Sunday, April 10, the Sunday School children will be carrying palm branches to begin our worship service.



**Baby Shower:** Help us shower Remington and family with gifts! All gifts can be left on the LWML table in the social hall.

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

# STEWARDSHIP



Time ♣ Talent ♣ Treasure

## **Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Worship: 83 Offerings: \$2,695.00

*“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 respond with humble thanksgiving!



## ✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service * Mites collected
	11:00 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Holy Cross, Bismarck
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches — Group 1
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	1:30 pm	Vesper Guild
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
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	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class/Sunday School

### Church Office Hours

Monday

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tuesday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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