

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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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!

### DIVINE SERVICE

### Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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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**

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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

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.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP  
WHERE WE ARE ABOUT**

**EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- ✠ Gary Green (uncle of Travis Frey),  
Ken Michelson (uncle of Amy Bieber),  
& Fern Schlender;
- ✠ Fern Schlender & family, on the death of her  
brother and sister-in-law, Gary & Cleo Boeckel.

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.

## Announcements



**LWML Mission Mites** will be collected this morning, following the gathering of our morning offering.

***Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who***



***trespass against us:*** Join us as we continue our Wednesday Lenten worship on the Lord's Prayer Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 pm. Soup & sandwiches are served at 5:30 pm.



**LYF Basket Auction:** The LYF Basket Auction is underway! Please take a minute to browse the gift baskets on display in the social hall. All proceeds will go to LYF. Please reach out to Anne Rosenow with any questions.



**Easter Lilies:** We will be purchasing lilies for Easter Sunday. Donations can be given to Connie Gegelman.

**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.

**The April calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, February 12, 2025 Council Minutes and the April—June "*Portals of Prayer*" devotions are on the table in the social hall.

**A sign-up sheet** is on the table in the fellowship hall if you are interested in bringing cookies, bars or treats for Sunday coffee hour.



**Help A Family in Need:** Gently used baby supplies are being collected for families in our area during the month of April. Donations can be brought to the Church and put in the bassinet in the entryway.

***The Sakakawea Medical Center Auxiliary***

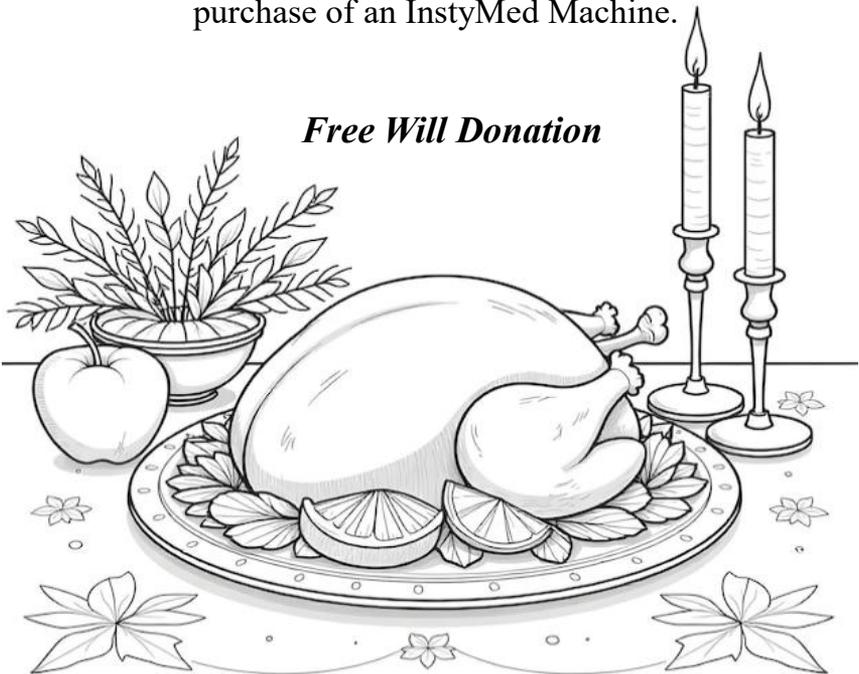
will be hosting their annual Community Turkey Dinner  
with all the trimmings and homemade pie,

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at Hazen City Hall

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds will be given to Sakakawea Medical Center for the  
purchase of an InstyMed Machine.

***Free Will Donation***



## ✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday      8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
              9:15 am    Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Divine Service  
                          \*Mites Collection  
              11:00 am    Bible Class

Monday      9:30 am    Circuit Pastors @  
                          Bethel, Bismarck

Tuesday     10:15 am    Holy Communion @  
                          Knife River Care Center

Wednesday 4:00 pm    Catechism  
              5:30 pm    Soup & Sandwiches  
                          \* Group 3  
              6:30 pm    Lenten Service

Sunday      Palm Sunday  
              8:00 am    Worship @ Glen Ullin  
              9:15 am    Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Divine Service  
              11:00 am    Bible Class

### **Church Office Hours**

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