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Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025
Vacancy Pastor Rev. Dennis L Fangmeyer

DIVINE SERVICE III

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 824 MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE

Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

KYRIE

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7–20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL -- TONE F

Hebrews 12:2



[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, despis- | ing the
shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

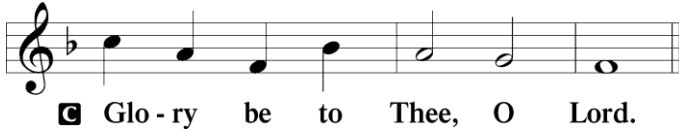
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
 dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: 756 WHY SHOULD CROSS AND TRIAL GRIEVE ME

SERMON -- "Calamity's Call"

Stand

OFFERTORY

192



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

194

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

197

PAX DOMINI

197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 765 GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 704 RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Stand

THE DISMISSAL


LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS


199


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



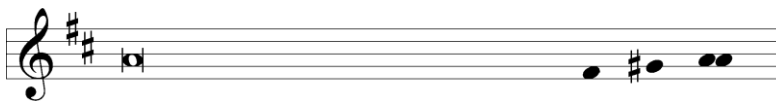
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning.

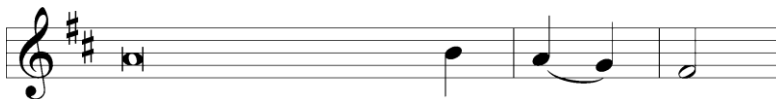
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION

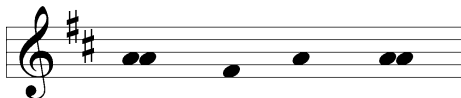
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN TO DEPART: 719 I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD'S DIRECTION

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements March 23, 2025

The Board of Elders, on behalf of the Call Committee, has called a **Special Meeting of the Voter's Assembly** for Sunday **March 30**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update and vote on the next step of the call process.

The Funeral Visitation (11:00 am) and Funeral Memorial Service (12:00 pm) for **Deborah Ackerman** will be held this Friday, March 28, here at Concordia Lutheran church.

The **LWCC** will hold a business meeting after Concordia's Special Call Committee Meeting on Sunday **March 30th**.

Sign Ups to bring food for the **Lenten meals** are on the bulletin board by the bathroom. All are welcome to come and eat at our Wednesday night meals.

Easter Candy may be dropped off in the collection bins in the Noah Room. Eggs will be stuffed on Sunday April 13th during the Sunday School hour so please have all candy donations turned in by that time.

The Refuge, the food pantry we support in Greenwood, is in frequent need of the following items: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper meals, canned or dried beans, rice-a-roni, small bags of rice, canned fruit, and disinfectant wipes.

To continue the tradition of collecting items for Personal Care Kits for **Lutheran World Relief** during Lent, select a tag from the bulletin board and place your donation in the bins near the office door. Thank you for showing your love to our neighbors around the world!

May 3rd at 1 pm, Beef and Boards is performing "*Church Basement Ladies*". The show is based on the book *Growing Up Lutheran*. The cost is \$78/ticket. If you are interested in going, let Sarah Shadday know and pay Sarah or the office by March 31st, 2025. **There are 2 tickets left in our group.**

The altar flowers are in honor of **Mike and Anne Finger's** 47th Wedding Anniversary.

Please keep the family and friends of the following recently deceased in your prayers:

Judith Bowman - mother of Vicki Wilson, passed away Monday 3/17/25

Barb Poulos - former member, passed away Monday 3/17/25

Prayers for continued healing: Fred Foster is recovering from kidney transplant surgery.

Date	Day	Worship Service / Event	Time	Message Title	Scripture
Mar 26	Wed	Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 pm	"Breaking Down the Gates"	Isaiah 45:1-8
Apr 2	Wed	Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 pm	"Getting Out!"	Isaiah 48:17-22
Apr 9	Wed	Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 pm	"One Little Word Can Fell Him"	Isaiah 49:1-6
Apr 13	Sun	Palm Sunday Service	9:30 am		
Apr 17	Thurs	Maundy Thursday	6:30 pm	"He Prepares a Table"	Isaiah 49:7-13
Apr 18	Fri	Good Friday Service	6:30 pm	"All"	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am	"We Are Going Home"	Isaiah 55:6-13
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Breakfast	8:45 am		
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Divine Service	10:00 am	"We Are Going Home"	Isaiah 55:6-13

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for March 16, 2025

	Worship: Sunday	9:30a - 86	Total - 86
Operating Budget Offering \$4,355.00	YTD Unified Budget Offerings \$57,193.22	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget \$68,550.00 (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget \$356,450.00

Birthdays:	Wedding Anniversaries: Years
Brooks, Thomas 3/24 Owen, Ben 3/24 Boling, Jordan 3/29	Mike & Anne Finger 47 3/25

THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Mar 23	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Mar 24	Monday		
Mar 25	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Mar 26	Wed.	5:15p 6:30p	Lenten Meal Midweek Lenten Service
Mar 27	Thurs.		
Mar 28	Friday	11:00a 12:00p	Funeral Visitation - Deb Ackerman Memorial Service - Deb Ackerman
Mar 29	Saturday		
Mar 30	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Special Congregational Meeting (LWCC Business Meeting after) Sunday School Women's Bible Study

Prayers & Intercession (Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Fred Foster
- Lorna Warren
- Betty Economou
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale



Friends of Concordia

- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Virginia Day 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Rick Zoellner 12/30/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Family members and Konny Hanneman; Sandy Risner 11/13/22, Hazel, Levi, Joshua & Savannah Bragdon 11/13/22, Marianne & Charles Huckleberry 12/21/21 Sylvia, Steve & Nicole Perrish 12/21/21
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

Battling Cancer / MS

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State St Ball Brothers 123, Franklin IN 46131
- Pat Barnes, 8601 Shelby St, Apt 236, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Rehab

- Konnie Hanneman, Greenwood Meadows 1200 N State Road 135, Greenwood IN 46142

Military Servicemen & women

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)

Note: Please provide updates to office for additions and removals to the "Prayers & Intercession" listing.

Emergencies: For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer at 620-886-0911. Leave a message if he doesn't answer.

