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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
March 22, 2026  
Pastor Samuel Scheltens

## **Greetings in Christ, and welcome to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church!**

If you are visiting us for the first time or have not before received Communion from Pastor Scheltens, please speak to Pastor before approaching the altar for the first time.

# **Divine Service III (LSB 184)**

*Hymn of Invocation*

## **423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 184*

### **Introit**

*Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a*



Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

**Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\***

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***

and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil  
with- | in me?\***

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and  
my God.**

Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

*Omit Gloria during Lent*

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*LSB 189*

### **Old Testament Reading - insert**

*Genesis 22:1-14*

**Gradual**

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*  
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!  
[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\*  
you rescued me from the man of | violence.

**Epistle - insert**

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

**Tract**

*Psalm 129:1–4*

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*  
let Israel | now say—  
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.  
The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*  
they made long their | furrows.”  
The LORD is | righteous;\*  
he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

**Holy Gospel - insert**

*John 8:46–59*

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191*

*Hymn of the Day*

**430 My Song Is Love Unknown**

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**Prayer of the Church**

*The Litany LSB 288*

**Service of the Sacrament**

*LSB 194*

**434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

*Replaces Agnus Dei during Lent*

*Distribution Hymns*

**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

**438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

**454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

*Closing Hymn*

**531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

## Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements March 22, 2026

**Choir** will be practicing 7 to 7:45 PM this Thursdays (**Mar. 26**) before Palm Sunday. We will be singing Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter morning. Anyone wanting to join us is welcome.

**March 28th, 9am-noon** we will have a church work day to get the church ready for Easter and finish some winter clean up. All are invited to help.

**Easter Candy** donations are being accepted for our egg hunt. There is a bin in the Noah Room labeled "Easter Candy." Candy donations should be able to fit inside an Easter egg, please.

**Easter Egg Hunt** for kids will take place on Easter Sunday. It is planned from 9:15am-9:45am. We will meet in the church lobby for a short devotion and let groups of kids go to the egg hunt space at certain times. Please, meet at the church for the egg hunt.

**Join us for the 2026 Martin + Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026.** At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle and his wife, Nicole, will be our presenters. Rev. Dr. Boyle will teach about cultivating the pious Christian life as men and women. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 20th. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

*Plus:* Bonus activities are planned for Friday night, March 27, and Saturday night, March 28! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Palm Sunday, March 29.

We're looking for volunteers to help at the Carmel Marathon water stop on April 18. Our group will receive \$150 as a thank you for our participation. Please contact Ruth Everson (317-530-5761 or [rudysfirst@aol.com](mailto:rudysfirst@aol.com)) to volunteer or if you have questions and need more information.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study** will start a new topic on March 24th of loving the prodigal. A prodigal may be a family member or friend whose decisions have separated them from those they love in any way. If you are interested in getting a book to go along with this study, please contact Sarah Shadday [Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com) or 314-330-3782. This study will meet March 24, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26, and June 9th.

**Ladies** - Thank you to everyone who picked up tags to provide items for the Personal Care Kits we are assembling this spring. If you haven't already, please bring your donations and leave them in the bins outside the office door by the end of March.

**Sunday, April 19** after Sunday School we'll Easter carol to some of our shut ins. We plan to end by 3pm at the latest. Please, sign up on the bulletin board by the restrooms. A light lunch (sandwiches and chips) will be provided. Contact Sarah Shadday if you have any dietary restrictions.

The altar flowers are in honor of **Mike and Anne Finger** 48th Wedding Anniversary.

Please find copies, to take home, of the "**Prayers & Intercessions**" listing next to the Portals of Prayer in the narthex.

## Last Sunday - Mar 15, 2026

Last Week	Time	Worship Attendance	Operating Budget Offering	<b>\$6,313.50</b>
Sun	9:30 am	91	YTD Unified Budget Offerings	<b>\$42,713.52</b>
Mon	6:30 pm	3	2026 Operating YTD needed for Budget (\$7,133 weekly)	<b>\$68,828.00</b>
Wed	6:30 pm	52	2026 Annual Budget	<b>\$370,900.00</b>

Birthdays (this week):	Wedding Anniversaries (this week): Years
Hayes, Jim 3/22	Mike & Anne Finger 48 3/25
Marot, Sarah 3/22	
Infante, Phillis 3/22	
Brooks, Thomas 3/24	
Owen, Ben 3/24	
Maurice, Jonathan 3/26	
Boling, Jordan 3/29	

### THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Mar 22	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Mar 23	Monday	6:30p	Divine Worship
Mar 24	Tuesday	7:00p	Women's Bible Study
Mar 25	Wed.	5:15p 6:30p	Fellowship Meal Lent 5 Worship Service
Mar 26	Thurs.	7:00p	Choir Practice
Mar 27	Friday	5:30p	Congregation Game Night
Mar 28	Saturday	8:00a 10:00a	Church Work Day Overeaters Anonymous
Mar 29	PALM Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study