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## *Welcome to Concordia*

*A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation*

***The mission of Concordia Lutheran Church is to gather, teach and inspire  
all generations to share the Good News!***

*The back pews are reserved for families with small children.*

*A nursery is available in the multipurpose room, to your left as you exit the sanctuary.*

Sunday, April 6, 2025

# 5th Sunday in Lent

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Hymn: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

LSB 425

## Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Psalm 126

Pastor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Pastor: then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

**People: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

**People: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**People: shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

## Kyrie

*[Congregational responses sung to tune of "Glory Be to Jesus" LSB 433]*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea. Lord, have mercy on us, as we call to Thee.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for the salvation Christ won for us let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea. Lord, have mercy on us, as we call to Thee.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all who trust in the cross of Christ let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea. Lord, have mercy on us, as we call to Thee.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise for their Savior's sacrificial love let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us, listen to our plea. Lord, have mercy on us, as we call to Thee.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Prayer

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, we know that it was your will that your Son should bear the pain of the cross for us, so that Satan can have no power and dominion in our lives. Help us, every day, to remember our Lord's Passion; to rejoice that our sins are forgiven; and to rest in the fact that our redemption from eternal death is certain. We pray this through Jesus Christ,

your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21 (*The LORD is doing a new thing.*)**

Lector: <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, <sup>21</sup>the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.” This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: Philippians 3:4-14 (*Press on!*)**

Lector: <sup>4</sup>If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse (*Hebrews 12:2; Luke 20:17b*)**

Pastor: 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.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20 (*The parable of the vineyard tenants*)**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup>At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!” <sup>17</sup>Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’ <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” <sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. <sup>20</sup>Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn: “My Song Is Love Unknown” (vv. 1-5)**

**LSB 430**

**Sermon “Press On!” Philippians 3:4-14**

**Offering/Rite of Fellowship/Hymn:**

**“My Song Is Love Unknown” (vv. 6-7)**

**LSB 430**

*(Please sign the attendance sheet in the red booklet as it comes to you.)*

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**+Sacrament+**

**Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*(Moment of silence to examine ourselves and confess our sins)*

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have sinned against you, especially in our failure to see how you work all things for our good. So often we fail to expect your gracious rescue in times of trouble. We depend on our efforts rather than on your almighty power. Forgive us, Father.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: we confess that we have become too attached to our power, influence, and possessions. We have failed to see them as gifts from you. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit,

**People:** we expect that we have sought to control the Church for our selfish purposes. We have failed to return a generous offering of time, talent, and money and a harvest of souls to you, the true owner. Strengthen our faith. Restore in us the desire to do all for the glory of Jesus, our Lord, who has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: The LORD has done great things for us. (*Psalm 126:3*) He has done a new thing (*Isaiah 43:19*) and given us "the righteousness from God that depends on faith." (*Philippians 3:9*) He has incorporated us into the Church, of which Christ "has become the cornerstone." (*Luke 20:17*) As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Hymn:** "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (vv. 1 & 3)

LSB 423

Prayer of Thanks

The Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you. Amen.

**The Distribution/Hymn:** "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420

Post-Communion Thanks

Blessing

Pastor: The almighty and merciful LORD—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**Hymn:** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427

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**STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as he says, gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; I Corinthians 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to his table who trust his word of promise, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord's Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are respectfully requested not to receive the sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?

2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasures?
5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord's Supper in this congregation, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

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**Participants in Today's Service**

Greeters: Shannon Martin and Heather Kassel  
 Acolyte: Nolan Head  
 Organist: Barb Burroughs  
 Lector: Jenny France  
 Elder: Tony Vogel  
 Ushers: Phillip Head, Cody Braeuner, Garrett Head, Garrett Braeuner  
 Audio/Visual Team: Amy Birk, Pat Petzoldt

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**This Week's Schedule**

Today, April 6, 2025	After worship	Refreshments and fellowship
	After worship	"Concordia Sings" (in the office house)
Mon., April 7, 2025		Pastor Hoemann's day off
Tues., April 8, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors' Conference
	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball at Frohna Park
	6 p.m.	Endowment Committee
Wed., April 9, 2025	9 a.m.	Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thurs., April 10, 2025	Noon	Bulletin items due
	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Sun., April 13, 2025	8 a.m.	Bible Study
<i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	9 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	Noon	SHINE outreach at Frohna Park

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**Announcements**

**Attendance:** Worship-140 (104 in person, 36 online), one year ago-237 (Easter) (211 in person, 26 online); Lent-38 (34 in person, 4 online), one year ago-69 (62 in person, 7 online); Bible Class-22 (12 in person, 10 online)

**As We Gather:** When our Lord entered time and space, he was rejected, just like the son of the vineyard owner in Luke 20:9-20. But by his death and resurrection Christ has become the cornerstone of the Church. In his infinite mercy he has opened our hearts so that we may know him and the salvation he brings. It is the "new thing" the Lord promised in Isaiah 43:16-21, and the surpassing worth for which Paul considered all else as worthless in Philippians 3:4-14. Welcome to worship at Concordia!

**Order in the order: THE PRAYER OF THE DAY, or COLLECT,** helps us focus our thoughts on the theme of the day, as we heard it expressed in the Introit, or as we will

soon hear it in the appointed Scripture readings. In this brief prayer, we pray that what we hear and receive today will have its effect on our whole life.

**Prayers for the following, please:** our shut-in members Edgar and Della Dreyer, Mildred Grebing, Mahela Lueders, Flora Oberndorfer; for God's blessings on the ministry of Missionary John Wolf and his family as they share the Gospel in Africa; for Seminarian Blake Brockman and his family at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; for the renovation work going on at the Hall; for our Family Discipleship team.

**Don't throw away your "Portals of Prayer"** devotion booklet after you have read it! Concordia LWML collects used "Portals of Prayer" to send to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas. This ministry distributes devotional booklets to detainees in the El Paso Immigration Detention Center through Lutheran Prison Ministry. A marked box for the booklets is in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room.

**Our Lenten theme this year** is "Living Among the Bible's Trees." All our Wednesday mid-week services begin at 6:30 p.m. The remaining lineup is:

April 9: "Good Trees Bearing Good Fruit, Bad Trees Bearing Bad Fruit"

April 13, Palm Sunday: "What Good are the Palms?"

April 17, Maundy Thursday: "Fig Trees"

April 18, Good Friday: "Tree of the Cross"

April 20, Easter Sunday: "Tree of Life"

**The 2025 Concordia Church Supper committee is:** Dennis and Donna Hecht, Jason Hecht, Garrett and Whitney Hemman, Doug and Bonnie Hemman, and Adam and Patty Hoehne.

**Did you know...**if you are 70 ½ years old, or older, and have an IRA, you can instruct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to Concordia Lutheran Church. This distribution is called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It counts toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) and is excluded from your income for tax purposes. If you have questions, or want to know more, please contact Carol Duggan at 573-824-6060.

### **Neighboring Church and Community Notes**

**A pancake-and-sausage breakfast**, sponsored by Trinity Men's Club, will be served until noon today in the parish hall at Trinity, Friedheim. Freewill donations accepted. Carry-outs available.

**A "Service in Anticipation of Easter"** begins at 3 p.m. today at Hill of Peace Lutheran Church, Friedenber. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the service.

**The annual fried-chicken supper** will be 3-7 p.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran parish hall, Altenburg. \$12 for adults; \$6 for children (ages 6-12); dine in or carry out. A country store will be provided by the ladies of the congregation.

**A fish fry** will be 5-7 p.m., Friday, April 11, at Zion Lutheran Church (Gordonville), 176 County Rd. 226, Cape Girardeau. The all-you-can-eat meal includes breaded fish, fries, hushpuppies, slaw, beans, dessert, and drink; \$15 for adults; \$10 for children (ages 6-10). Carry-outs available. Tickets must be purchased in advance; contact Rhonda Wessel (573-803-7612) or Holly Schneider (573-200-0374). All proceeds will go to St. Paul Lutheran in Chaffee to help with expenses of a new furnace.

**The Perry County Ministerial Alliance's** Ecumenical Music Concert fundraiser will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Perryville. The theme of the concert is "The Word Was God," based on John 1:1. Any musician is

encouraged to participate, whether it's a solo, small group, or choir. If interested, contact Terry Rousseau at 573-547-4300 ext. 107, by Sunday, April 20.

**Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) Notes**

**LIGHT, HOPE and NEW BEGINNINGS!** April brings us spring, Easter, and National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The message of resurrection and new life is one that resonates deeply with all of us at Lutheran Family and Children's Services, as we work hard to provide critical services, especially to those most vulnerable, our children. At LFCS, we are giving HOPE for brighter days and NEW BEGINNINGS to children experiencing child abuse and neglect. We are bringing LIGHT into the lives of those living through dark and stormy days like the ones springtime can bring. But we know that just as God brings new life to the earth, he is also at work in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for answering God's call to provide hope and renewal to those in need. May the peace and joy of Easter fill your heart and your home.

**KFUO Notes**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** We continue our study of II Samuel, chapters 7-11, on *Sharper Iron* (8 a.m. weekdays); on *Thy Strong Word* (11 a.m. weekdays), we finish a study of Hebrews, chapters 11-13. Don't forget to tune in for our final Lenten organ recital and worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, from Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

**"Life Quote" from Lutherans for Life**

**"Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor.** You have God's Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you." *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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<p><b>Week: 13</b> <b>Sunday: Palm Sunday</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hymn of the Week</u></b> <b>LSB 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"</b> Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.</p>
<p><b><u>Bible Stories</u></b> 04/07 -- M: Matthew 19: 16-30 04/08 -- Tu: Matthew 20:1-16 04/09 -- W: Matthew 20:17-34 04/10 -- Th: Matthew 21:18-27 04/11 -- F: Matthew 21:28-32</p>	<p><b><u>Bible Verse</u></b> <i><sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.</i> John 6:37 (ESV)</p>
<p><b><u>Catechism</u></b> <i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven. <i>Which are these?</i> Consider your place in life according to the 10 Commandments: are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?</p>	