

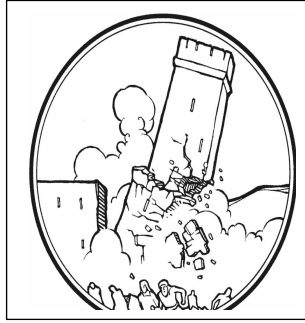
CONCORDIA

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Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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*Unless you
repent,
you will all
likewise perish.*

Luke 13

Hymn of Invocation. **No Temple Now, No Gift of Price.** LSB #530
(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

Psalm 5

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish. For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness,* evil may not | dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes,* you hate all evil- | doers. You destroy those | who speak lies,* the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.* I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies,* make your way straight be- | fore me. Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

COLLECT

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

PSALM 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. **Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way. **Glory 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.** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

SELECTED READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. 20 March 2022

Old Testament/Ezekiel 33:7–20.

Epistle/1 Corinthians 10:1–13.

Gospel/Luke 13:1–9

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

- “*Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish*” By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. (Luke 13:3, 5).
- As He lives, the Lord has “*no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.*” (Ezek. 33:11).
- So the Scriptures have been “*written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come, that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink.”*” Cor. 10:3–4).

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Hymn of the Day. **May God Bestow on Us His Grace.** LSB#824

+ Third Sunday in Lent +

20 March 2022. **Repentance for All.** Luke 13:1-5.

Jesus replied to them, "Do you think that this happened to them because they were more sinful than other people from Galilee? No! I can guarantee that they weren't. But if you don't turn to God and change the way you think and act, then you, too, will all die.

Contrary to what natural religion and human reason might conclude, Jesus makes it abundantly clear that no person can deny or escape the universal need of turning to God and changing the way we think and act.

1. Natural religion and human reason judge by outward appearances

- a. Natural religion sees only cause and effect
- b. Human reason demands that catastrophe = crime

2. God warns against making comparisons

- a. Do you think they were more sinful?
- b. Grant me to see my own errors and not judge my neighbor

3. God offers everyone the opportunity to turn to Him and live

- a. Unless you all turn to God, then you too will all die
- b. "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked."

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. 20 MARCH 2022

Almighty God, You order and number our days according to Your wisdom. Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering, that we would hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they would turn and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, guard Your people against immorality. Grant that our homes would be havens of godly instruction and chastity, and fill marriages with fidelity and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, You establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by Your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, remember Your people who cry to You for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort, *[especially*

...] and strengthen them to look to You for help in their time of affliction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You led Your people, Israel, through the sea and fed them in the wilderness until You delivered them to the Promised Land. You also have faithfully enlivened Your people with Christ by means of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who now rest from their labors, and sustain us by Your Means of Grace until You deliver us also to heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. **God of Grace and God of Glory.** LSB#850