

## CONCORDIA

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
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Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

**Week of April 3, 2022**

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beloved Son into  
His vineyard to be  
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builders rejected.

Luke 20

Hymn of Invocation. ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.*** LSB #576

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

### INTROIT PSALM 3

**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 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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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

***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. Amen.***

### PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **Then our mouth was filled with | laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”** The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.** 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.

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

### SELECTED READINGS. 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT. 3 APRIL 2022

Old Testament/Isaiah 43:16–21. Epistle/Phil.3:(4–14). Gospel/Luke 20:9–20

### ***God’s Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us.***

- Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone “*through faith in Christ*”. By such faith, we “*know him and the power of his resurrection.*” (Phil. 3:10)
- For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a “*new thing*” for us in Christ Jesus. He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become “*the stone that the builders rejected.*” Yet, the One rejected by men “*has become the cornerstone*” of His Church. (Luke 20)
- Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, “*a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*” (Is. 43:19)

### NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day. ***My Song Is Love Unknown*** LSB # 430

+ **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT** +

3 April 2022. **I will send them My Son.** Luke 20:13.

*“What shall I do now?”*

*I will send them My Son who is so dear to me, Perhaps they will respect him.”*

In sending His own dear Son, God not only fulfills His plan of salvation, but offers deliverance to those who receive Him and damnation to those who reject His undeserved kindness.

**1. Sending the Son who is so dear to Him completes God’s plan**

- a. Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders
- b. Jesus becomes the cornerstone

**2. To those who receive His dear Son, God offers deliverance**

- a. We fall on the stone/Jesus and are broken as we turn to God and change the way we think and act.
- b. Now we are raised as living stones in the God’s temple

**3. To those who reject His dear Son, God promises damnation**

- a. The Message: “he’ll be smashed to smithereens!”
- b. They feared the people, they sent spies to catch Him

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT. 3 APRIL 2022***

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

O Lord, deliver us from contending that we are righteous before You because of who we are and what we have done. Surely we are sinners who only deserve Your wrath. Cause us to turn from our worthlessness and hold fast to the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus and His righteousness for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we sinners might be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won for us by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, salvation belongs to You. Your blessing be on Your people. Endow parents with every good gift to teach their children Your ways, that they may live in the confidence of Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You shield us and lift our heads. Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You sustain us each day, granting us sleep and waking us again. Be the consolation of those who live in anxiety and fear, assuring them of Your mercy and deliverance in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bestow Your kindness to all those in any need, [*especially*

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Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You do not extinguish us like a wick for our sin, but You enlighten us for the sake of Jesus. Grant that our light may shine before others, that they may see our works and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, St. Paul counted all things as rubbish in order that he might gain Christ. Give us repentant hearts, that we would abandon all confidence in our flesh and so receive Your Son’s body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**