

*Concordia  
Evangelical Lutheran*



*Walk in love*

EPHESIANS 5:2

*Third Sunday of Lent*

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*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Ps. 122:1*

Instructions for Communion:

**If you are a member of Concordia**, see the pew card for help preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.

**If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at Concordia is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Buchs about Communion before participating.

**Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?**

If you're member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Buchs know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

*Prayers for Worship* can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal. More prayers are provided on page 305ff.

## *Order of Service*

Opening Hymn **#433 Glory Be to Jesus**

Confession & Absolution (Hymnal, p. 184)

Introit (Bulletin, p. 2)

Service of the Word (p. 186)

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

The Readings (Bulletin p. 3-4)

*The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.*

Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 192)

Hymn of the Day: **#659 Lord of Our Life**

Catechism Recitation: **Lord's Prayer: First Petition** (Hymnal p. 323)

Sermon

Offertory & Offering (Hymnal, p. 192)

Prayers (Hymnal, p. 192)

Service of the Sacrament (Hymnal, p. 194)

**#453 Upon the Cross Extended**

**#637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

Nunc Dimittis (Hymnal, p. 199)

Closing Hymn: **#436 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

## *Third Sunday in Lent*

**INTROIT** *Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be 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.**

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 9:19, 3*

**Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you!**

**When my enemies turn back,  
they stumble and perish before your presence.**

## **Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

## **Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

### **Gospel: Luke 11:14-28**

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

## *Next Sunday*

**Readings:** Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

**Hymns:** 708, 743, 423, 639, 424

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Learn By Heart for this week**

#### **The Second Petition**

Thy kingdom come.

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

## ***Easter Flowers***

Place your orders by March 30th to beautify the sanctuary for Easter! After the Easter service, you can bring them home to enjoy. Order forms are on the table outside the Secretary office. Orders and checks (made out to Concordia) can be placed in the offering plate. See Jeanne Schmidt with any questions!

## ***St. Paul's Eden Valley Smelt and Fish Fry***

Friday, April 11 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (or until gone). All you can eat! More information on the table outside the Secretary's office!

## *Prayer Requests*

Donna Anderson  
 Kevin Barnes  
 Avery Broich  
*(granddaughter of Robin Halverson)*  
 Geraldine Gageby  
 Robin Halverson  
 Halarie Haukaas  
 Pam Hutchings  
 Nikki James  
*(niece of Arlen & Verna Lea Salmela)*  
 Teddy Kothe  
 Karen MacMillan  
 Chris Marschel  
 Gracie Muehring  
 Marshall Neumiller  
 Lorraine Rose  
 Arlen Salmela  
 Deanna Scheeler  
*(sister of Ron Saukkola)*  
 Darrel Schmidt  
 Emery Schmidt  
 Kaitlyn Stewart

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

March 23      Janet Randall  
                     Julie Oswald  
 March 24      Charles Kersten  
                     Blake Kiffmeyer  
 March 25      Dorothy Kersten  
 March 26      Ron Saukkola  
 March 30      Theodore Buchs

Pastor:	Rev. David Buchs
Elder:	Mike Wohlman
Organist:	Lynn Hoff

### **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am	Chapel & Homeschool Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Homeschool Choir
	9:30 am	Chapel
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship
	8:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study/Sunday School