Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16–21

16Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18"Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.

19Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

21the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise."

Epistle *Philippians 3:8–14*

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on

toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

⁹[[esus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away emptyhanded. 11And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12And he sent vet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. 13Then the owner of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"?

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- •April mission of the month, House of Hope, Madagascar.
- Peace among nations.
- The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.
- Bob Denhardt, recovering from surgery.
- Bob Navis, recovering from pneumonia.
- Phyllis Conrad, recovering from a fall.
- Keith Klein, recovering from surgery.
- Jim Schmitz, health issues.
- Ruth McKenna, health issues.
- Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.
- •David Shaver, brother of Sara Knepprath, hospitalized. All who are battling cancer:
- Jayne Cotter
- Ed Friede
- Cindi Arnold, sister of Debi Taylor, receiving hospice care
- Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann
- Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill
- Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korh, recovering from brain surgery.

Please also keep in prayer
—our Seminarian, Vicar Luke

- Konkel;
- —Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;
- —Matthew Harrison, synod president; —the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;
- —our circuit congregation, St. John in Plymouth and Revs. John Schultz & Andrew Thompson;
- —our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and
- —our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob Navis.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



"This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?"

Luke 20:14b-15

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and § Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. Please sign our guest book in the narthex.

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed

by the service, and that you will come again.

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" (Phil. 3:9). 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 (Is. 43:19). 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 20:17). 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).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

- Verse of the Week Luke 22:52 "Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?"
- **2**Hymn of the Week LSB #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
- **Sollect of the Week** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **Daily Bible Readings** *M:* Ex. 9:1-28; Heb. 2:1-18 *T:* Ex. 9:29—10:20; Heb. 3:1-19 *W:* Ex. 10:21—11:10; Heb. 4:1-16 *Maundy Th:* Ex. 12:1-28; Heb. 5:1-14 *Good F:* Ex. 12:29-32, 13:1-16; Heb. 6:1-20 *Holy Sat.* Ex. 13:17—14:9; Heb. 7:1-22 *Easter Sun:* Ex. 14:10-31; Heb. 7:23—8:13
- **6** Preparing for Next Sunday Lessons for Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025): John 12:12-19; Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:47-53; Psalm 118:19-29
- **6** Devotions Daily Lenten devotions are found in <u>The Hand of the Lord</u> devotional.

Fifth Sunday in Lent APRIL 6, 2025

Greeters — Jim & Sara Knepprath
Elder — Andy Schmitt; Usher — Howard Mitchell
Altar Guild — Kayla Schommer; Jr. Altar Guild — Allyson Neumann
Cantors — Choir, Acolyte — Levi Schommer
Vocalist — Hayley Buchholz, Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada
Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

Introit (sung responsively after confession & absolution) Psalm 3:3-6; antiphon: v. 8



Salvation belongs | to the LORD;* your blessing be on your | people!

But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout 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 sus- tained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people* who have set themselves against me | all around.

Glory be 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.

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Collect (spoken by pastor)

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.

Gradual (sung responsively) Hebrews 12:28

[O come, 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, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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