

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Stone Rejected  
March 12 & 13, 2016  
5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

In Isaiah's day, the dreams of the nation of Israel had been shattered; they were in exile. But it was an opportunity to rely anew on God and His gracious plans for them when they would return. Saul had seen his Pharisaic dreams shattered when Jesus proclaimed Himself as the replacement for the sacrifice-filled temple. But newly made Paul was forever changed by the gift of Christ's righteousness, given even to him. The Jewish leaders held on to the nation and temple as if they were the owners, not mere tenants, as in Jesus' parable. When the kingdom was given to others, God's plans for all people were fulfilled. Our self-centered dreams must also be shattered so that God may transform and fulfill them as only His plans for us can. How then shall we live out this new life?

### WELCOME

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:17

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubles, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Today is the Lord's Day, a Sunday *in* Lent, but not part *of* it—a little Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

**People: in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.**

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by your great goodness

**People: mercifully look upon your people that our shattered self-serving dreams be transformed by your life-giving power;**

Pastor: through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

#### ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16–21* (God will do a brand new thing.)

This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 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: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

### EPISTLE *Philippians 3:4b–14* (All else is rubbish compared to knowing Christ.)

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

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; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 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 and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, 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, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**                    *"The Lord is King"* Dorothy Christopherson

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 20:9–19* (The parable of the wicked tenants)

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. 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. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' "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.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" 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 capstone ' ? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." 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.

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #912**                    **"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"**                    *Rise last stanza*

Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

**SERMON**    **"Trouble in the Vineyard"**                    **Luke20:9-19**

(Rise)

**APOSTLES' CREED** (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** People loved by God, let us come before our Father's throne of grace with confidence through our Lord Jesus and, in the power of His Spirit, ask His mercy for all in need. Heavenly Father, through your Son you have done a new thing that leaves your Church amazed in praise and adoration.

**People:** **You sent Him into this world to be our righteousness, to bestow on us grace and mercy, and make us His own eternal inheritance. For this we give you glory and praise.**

**Pastor:** Bestow your Spirit, we pray, on all the ministers of the Gospel, especially Matthew, our Synodical president; John, our district president; all missionaries and all servants of the Church.

**People: Give them grace to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, the prize of the upward call you have sounded in your Son.**

Pastor: Kind Father, remember in your compassion this gathering of your family of children. We hold up to you Rosalie Kwiecinski, who remembers granddaughter Kimberly Graham, who passed away 2 years ago. Fill us with your peace in these Lenten days, through forgiveness of sins.

**People: Make us also to be strong witnesses to your Son's death and resurrection for the salvation of all.**

Pastor: King of kings, you hold in your hand all the powers that exist throughout the world. We commend to you all the public servants of our nation, all who make, judge and enforce our laws and all who serve in our armed forces.

**People: Bless them, strengthen them, and uphold them in every good deed.**

Pastor: Lover of the human race, remember all who call upon you in their hour of need: the sick, the suffering, the persecuted, the dying, the grieving and especially all for whom our prayers are desired including your servants Barb, Jan, Jean, Ruth, Mae, Jeannine, Rosalie, Charlene, Bob, Marion, Richard, Marion, Debra, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah.

**People: May your holy angels attend them and the sweet promises of your Word strengthen them, granting to each the relief which you know to be best.**

Pastor: Bountiful Giver of every blessing, we rejoice to give you thanks for your great mercies to us. Day by day without any merit or worthiness in us, your good gifts shower down upon us. We thank you today particularly with George and Rosie Pups, who are celebrating grandson Charlie's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**People: To you we give all praise for all your goodness shown us and, above all, for Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Pastor: As we approach the holy table where your Son imparts to us His true body and blood for our forgiveness and eternal life, remove from us all impenitence and spiritual apathy.

**People: Stir up our hearts to receive with joy and gratitude the blessings of this sacrament.**

Pastor: Join our prayers and praises with those of your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever!

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we are about to receive our Lord's body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, let us make confession to our heavenly Father. With God's Old Testament people, we remember His rescuing them and us from spiritual and physical enemies, that we might declare His praise.

**People: But we confess that too often we still fear those who would harm us and deceive us, unsure of God's almighty protection.**

Pastor: With generations before us who joyfully harvested their crops, we give thanks for all the great things the Lord has done for us.

**People: But we confess that too often we focus on the gifts and forget the Giver. We are glad, but do not always give God the credit.**

Pastor: With Paul and the saints before us, we proclaim the righteousness that comes from Christ alone through the God-given faith He has bestowed on us.

**People: But we confess that too often we seek to impress God with our own righteousness. We hope He will answer prayers, thinking that we deserve to be heard.**

Pastor: Although our Lord warned His opponents of the judgment they faced, because He, the rejected stone, has become the cornerstone on which the Church is built in grace and mercy, let us confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Almighty God, heavenly Father,

**People:** we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than others; we have expected you to bless us in all things. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Pastor:** Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who call on Him for forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

**People: Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

#### **AGNUS DEI**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

#### **HYMN #686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

#### **HYMN #622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav’n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning.

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation;  
But you are present even now Here with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with you,  
For you are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

#### **HYMN #644 "The Church's One Foundation"**

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

#### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith as we press on in response to your upward call in Christ Jesus that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD has done great things for us;

**People: we are glad, indeed!**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you in His fulfilled promises. The LORD make His face shine on you and graciously give you Christ's own righteousness. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN #917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"**

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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