


Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

What Does This Mean?

1. Why would the tenants in the parable think that such an absurd strategy would work? And yet, how/why do we often do the same?
2. Why would the owner of the vineyard keep foolishly sending servants and then his own son?
3. How is the reality even more absurd than the fiction?



*I will send my beloved son;
perhaps they will respect him.*

Luke 20:13b

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Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LBW #482
(Tune: HAMBURG)

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds Niki Pokornowski
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

**Oh, grant us God, that we may, too,
Return in fast and prayer to you.
Your steadfast love, for us, is poured,
Through grace and mercy by your Word.**

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Luke 20:9-20

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “An Absurd Grace” Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LBW #117

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92
Communion LBW #479, 97, 198

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ... LBW #259