

<sup>13</sup> “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> “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.’ <sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!”

<sup>17</sup> 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”? <sup>18</sup>

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup> 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.

**Sermon Hymn:** 110 – My Song Is Love Unknown (Koine)

**Sermon:** Looking Forward to the Prize

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Distribution Hymn:** 382 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 457 – The Man Is Ever Blest

**Ushers:** This Week – Jesse Horta & Zack Vogel  
Next Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz

**Greeters:** This Week – Chuck & Sharon Christoph  
Next Week – Rose Henning & Arlene Borchardt

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Council Meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> will now be on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and the Quarterly Voters Meeting will now be on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. These are our regular quarterly meetings.

Fifth Weekend in Lent – April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** Morning Praise NSS

**Opening Hymn:** 714 – The Lamb

## **Prayer of the Day:**

M: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **First Lesson - Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The LORD had delivered his people from a life of slavery in Egypt and from impending death at the hand of the pursuing Egyptian army. But even this glorious rescue pales in comparison to the salvation to be worked in the Messiah. This is the Lord's invitation to praise him for the eternal salvation he will bring.*

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>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: <sup>18</sup>“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

## **Psalm of the Day - Psalm 63 – On the screen**

## **Second Lesson - Philippians 3:8-14**

*To Paul all that is earthly gain and glory is rubbish compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus. There is no room for the self-righteous in Christ's kingdom. We want to be found with an alien righteousness. Then we will know Christ's power, and because we have*

*been called, gathered, and enlightened we put the past behind and strive for the eternal prize.*

<sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

## *Pressing on Toward the Goal*

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Verse of the Day - *The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)***

## **Gospel - Luke 20:9-19**

*We find ourselves horrified by the actions of the evil tenants. In self-righteous anger we say with the Jews, “May this never be!” Jesus warns that the self-righteous Pharisees of the ages will be dashed to pieces against him, the Cornerstone. Even so, the owner of the vineyard again and again sends Word to the renters. His desire to reconnect with the wicked tenants is so great that he sends his own Son. Those who receive him with hearts of faith will gratefully bring forth fruit and, along with him, enjoy the Son's inheritance forever.*

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.