

**FIFTH  
SUNDAY**  
IN LENT



# ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **The Season**

In the Church Year, we have come to the season of Lent. The word Lent comes from an old English word for spring: “lengthen,” when the days grow longer. For over 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal.

### **The Sunday**

Our Father makes the treasures of his house available to all. In God’s family, the things the world prizes and pursues are counted as worthless. Conversely, what the world rejects and discards is considered priceless and worth pursuing. The best example of this is Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure—God the Son—to earth. Many considered Jesus to be a troublemaker that needed to be killed. In truth, Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house.

### **Prayer before Worship**

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke

Organist: Laura Schulz

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407

Stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

CW 534 sts. 1-2



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i - le - an King!  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on you were laid;



You have suf - fered to re - lease us, hope to give and peace to bring.  
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, you have full a - tone - ment made.



Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame;  
Ev - 'ry sin has been for - giv - en thro' the pow - er of your blood;



by your mer - its we find fa - vor: life is giv - en thro' your name.  
o - pen is the gate of heav - en, we are rec - on - ciled to God.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

*Isaiah prophesied that the nation of Babylon would destroy Judah, but this would produce spiritual renewal.*

<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 wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
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.

The Word of the Lord.

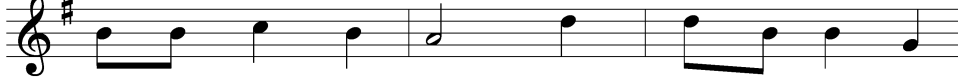
**Thanks be to God.**

# In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You

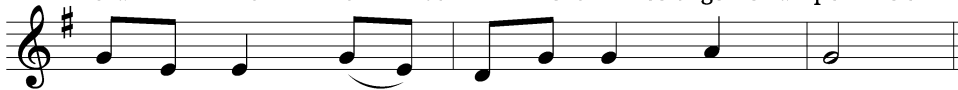
Psalm 73D



1 In sweet com - mun - ion, Lord, with you I  
2 Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
3 Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but you, to  
4 Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the



con - stant - ly a - bide; my hand you hold with -  
guide me and con - trol, and then to glo - ry  
whom my thoughts as - pire? And, hav - ing you, what  
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion



in your own to keep me near your side.  
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.  
more on earth is there I can de - sire?  
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.

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## Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

*St. Paul views as treasures what most consider to be trash.*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, 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 on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:22

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

The stone the builders rejected

**has become the cornerstone.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.**

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## Gospel

Luke 20:9–19

*Jesus is the precious cornerstone upon which God builds his house.*

<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.

<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, “God forbid!”

<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 cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

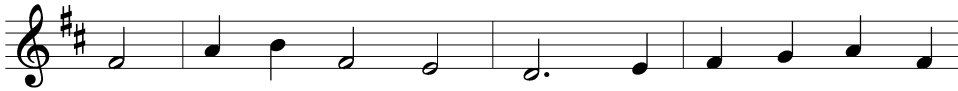
<sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## My Song Is Love Unknown

CW 397



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 who at my need his life did spend!  
 and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away.  
 A murderer they save,  
 the Prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he  
 to suffering goes  
 that he his foes  
 from death might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing;  
 no story so divine,  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend!

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## **Sermon**

Luke 20:9-19 *The Lord's Urgent Appeal*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come 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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

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# The Lamb

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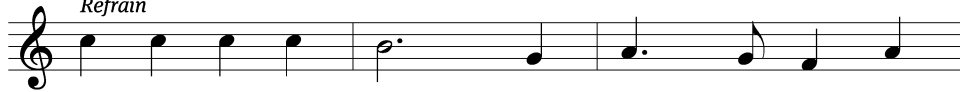


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

## *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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Stand

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

# Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

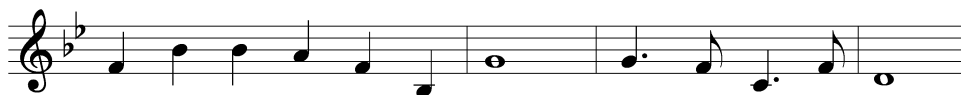
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

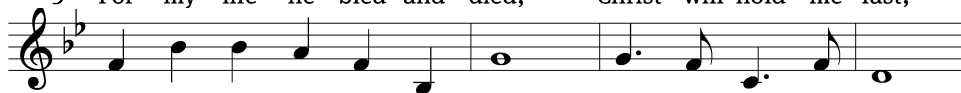
Amen.

## He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



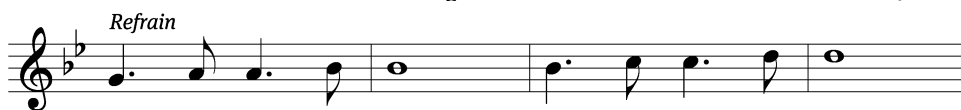
when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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**Connecting WELS Members:** Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at [facebook.com/welslutherans](https://facebook.com/welslutherans), [twitter.com/welstweets](https://twitter.com/welstweets), [Instagram.com/welslutherans](https://Instagram.com/welslutherans), and [vimeo.com/wels](https://vimeo.com/wels).

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## Announcements

**Memorial Easter Lilies:** We will have Easter lilies available for purchase again this year for \$17 each. The lilies will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday and serve to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who rose from the grave on that first Easter morning. They also serve as a memorial to remember those who have gone before us. Order sheets are available in the back of the church and are due by Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Order sheets are available on the table in back of church and at the school office.

**Easter Breakfast:** In following with our annual tradition, we will be having an Easter breakfast following the sunrise service Easter morning. We will need volunteers to help with various tasks including help with set up, food prep, clean up, and volunteers to donate various food items for the breakfast. Any help you are willing and/or able to provide is greatly appreciated! If you are able to help out, please indicate how you will be able to help on the sign up sheet on the table at the back of church.

**Teacher Call:** Last Sunday, with guidance from our Lord, our congregation extended a call to Mercedes Ronholt to fill the K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade teaching position we have open for next school year. Should Mrs. Ronholt accept the call, she may need to be able to relocate after one year depending on her husband's assignment next spring, so this is a one year call. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she considers the call.

**MLC Open Position:** Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part-time **Men's Assistant Soccer Coach**.

Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

## Celebrating God's Blessings This Week

### BIRTHDAYS

Richard Laubach      4/6  
Debra Nigh            4/7  
Malachi Yttri         4/8

Masen McCambridge    4/9  
Gail Homuth            4/10

### ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Lois Yogerst      4/5  
Butch and Barbara Gengler    4/7  
Erik and Tammy Kral        4/8



### REFLECTIONS ON REPENTANCE

Services: Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm  
Soup Suppers each Wednesday: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

April 9th: Remembering God's Perfect Demands  
- Pastor Bode

## Holy WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 17th: Holy Thursday  
1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Service with Holy Communion









April 18th: Good Friday  
1:00 pm Service of the Seven Words  
6:30 pm Tenebrae (Darkness)

April 18th: Easter Sunday - The Festival of the Resurrection  
6:00 am Sunrise Service  
7:00-8:00 am Easter Breakfast  
8:30 am & 10:30 am Festival Worship



# Calendar

Readings for April 6<sup>th</sup> - April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Sunday 	Monday 	Tuesday 	Wednesday 
<i>Exodus 1:1-22</i> <i>Mark 14:12-31</i>	<i>Exodus 2:1-22</i> <i>Mark 14:32-52</i>	<i>Exodus 2:23-3:22</i> <i>Mark 14:53-72</i>	<i>Exodus 4:1-18</i> <i>Mark 15:1-15</i>
<b>Worship 8 am</b> Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am <b>Worship 10:30 am</b>		Bible Study 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm <b>Worship 3:30 pm</b> Soup Supper 4:30 pm <b>Worship 6:30 pm</b>
Thursday 	Friday 	Saturday 	Sunday 
<i>Exodus 4:19-31</i> <i>Mark 15:16-32</i>	<i>Exodus 5:1-6:1</i> <i>Mark 15:33-47</i>	<i>Exodus 7:1-25</i> <i>Mark 16:1-20</i>	<i>Exodus 8:1-32</i> <i>Psalm 118</i> <i>Hebrews 1:1-14</i>
Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am PTO Meeting 6:30 pm		<b>Worship w/ Communion</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b> <b>Worship w/ Communion 8 am</b> Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>Worship w/ Communion 10:30 am</b> Daddy/Daughter Dance 3:30 pm

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