

FIFTH SUNDAY

Of Lent



DO
NOT
Be **NOT**
Afraid,
FOR I AM
With
You

ISAIAH 43:3

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 17th, 2024

The Season

The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord!

The Sunday

There is a devoted commitment at the center of Christianity, but it is not man's commitment to God. Even believers will at times demonstrate lukewarm commitment at best. Instead, at the heart of Christianity we find God's devotion and commitment to us. It is a devoted commitment so strong that it put God on the cross.

Prayer before Worship

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)

Joe Herther (10:30 am Sunday)

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

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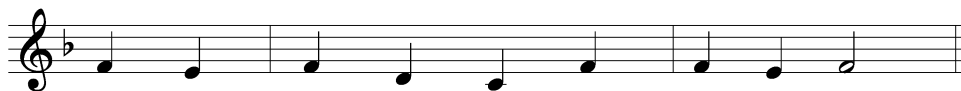
Stand for the 5th stanza



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -



vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

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O Lord, o - pen my lips,



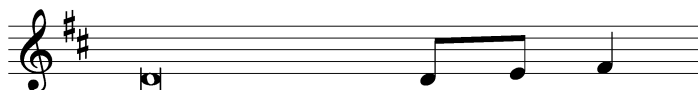
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



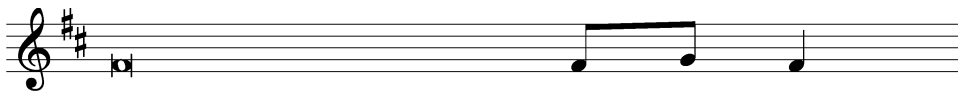
General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:



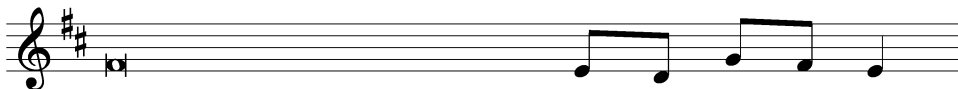
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

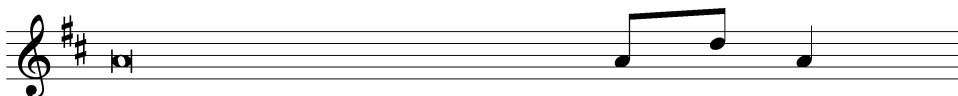
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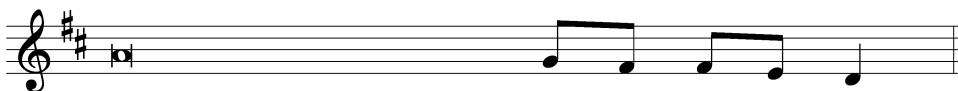
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Be seated

Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 121D

Refrain

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.

Tone

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?

My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of heav- / en and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. Refrain

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;
the sun will not harm / you by day,
nor the / moon by night.

The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch o- / ver your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.

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. Refrain

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

In devoted commitment the LORD promises his people that he will be with them.

¹But now, this is what the LORD says—
 he who created you, Jacob,
 he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
 they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
 you will not be burned;
 the flames will not set you ablaze.
³For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
 Cush and Seba in your stead.
⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
 and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
 I will bring your children from the east
 and gather you from the west.
⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
 and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7–9

Jesus submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.

⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 12:20–33

Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
2 In blind re - volt we would not see that reb - el
3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an aim - less
wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in fear and
breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the deep de -
it might yet re - call the one who brings good news to



mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
all: breathe on your clo - ven church once more



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of
bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that
those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o -



gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.
Peace, broke down its walls for our re - lease.
bring good ti - dings of our sav - ing King!
gy un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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Sermon

Isaiah 43:1-7 The Lord Says, "Do Not Be Afraid"

Stand

Drawn to the Cross

CW 808



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; so now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be that an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Be seated

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally 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.

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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.**



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your
 2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so
 3 I caused your grief and sigh - ing by e - vils
 4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with
 5 Your cross I place be - fore me, its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.
 sore a - bused you and caused you all your woe?
 mul - ti - ply - ing as count - less as the sands.
 thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.
 pow'r re - store me, sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly
 We all must make con - fes - sion of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered with which your soul is
 The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -
 It will, when life is end - ing, be guid - ing and at -



giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.
gres - sion, while you no ways of e - vil know.
cum - bered, your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.
cur - ing, you healed my wounds and set me free.
tend - ing my way to your e - ter - nal rest.

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Announcements

LWMS Donation Box: Next week the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will have a donation box located at the back of the church. Donations are being collected for the LWMS’s various World and Home mission projects. Some projects include helping to provide needed equipment for new mission churches, Gospel outreach throughout Europe, and supporting the Native American special projects currently working with 2 Apache reservations in Arizona to grow their ministry. The donations will be collected and combined with donations throughout the country at the LWMS convention in June. These missions are not fully funded by the congregational mission offerings to the WELS. Therefore, any amount that can be given is meaningful and impactful, regardless of the amount. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause to help spread God’s message throughout a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Easter Breakfast Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers to help with various tasks including help with food prep, set up, and clean up. We will have a volunteer sign up sheet at the back of church as well as a sign up sheet to donate food items needed for the breakfast. Any help you are able to provide is greatly appreciated!

Easter Lilies: Lilies will be available for \$15 each. The lilies will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who rose from the grave on that first Easter morning, and serve as a memorial those who have gone before. Order sheets are available in the back of the church and are due by Tuesday, March 26th, 2024.

WELS Night at the Brewers: WELS night will be on Friday, July 12th, 2024. For information and tickets you can go to brewers.com/wels. More information will be coming in next week's bulletin.

MLC Job Opening: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time **Early Childhood Assistant Teacher** and a part-time **Men's Basketball Assistant Coach**.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Crown of Life Easter Vigil: Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Hubertus invites the members of the WELS and ELS to attend its Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, 3/30, at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil begins at sunset on Easter Eve, and anticipates the resurrection of Jesus through Scripture, song, silence, and prayer. The joyful announcement of Jesus' resurrection occurs near the end of the service, marking the transition from Lent to Easter. The service concludes with the Lord's Supper.

KML Summer Camps: KML will be hosting various academic, fine arts, and sports camps this summer. Take advantage of our quality camps! Visit kmlhs.org/camps for more details and to register. **Registration is now open.**

Groundbreaking Service at KML: All are invited to attend the groundbreaking service for KML's *Let's Grow Together* building project. The service will take place at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in the PAC Auditorium at **6:15 PM on Monday, April 8**. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

LWMS Spring Rally: The Spring Rally of the Dodge/Washington LWMS circuit will be held at St. Matthew in Iron Ridge, WI on Saturday, April 13th from 9AM till 12:30PM. Registration starts at 8:30. Guest speaker is Juan Escobar, a Seminary student who will present on Latin American missions, Academia Christo and how a basketball camp changed his life. Come and enjoy a morning with fellowship, food and learning how our WELS continues to spread and grow around the world.

KML Family Music Fest 2024: Please join us for *A Salute to America* on Friday, April 12, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Monies raised at this event will go toward the improvement of technology within the KML Music Department. This event features elementary and high school musical performances, games, live auctions, and Science Fair projects from our Lutheran Elementary School students. Food options include a fish fry, concession items, and a dessert bar. Adult admission is \$5. Children/students get free admission. The fish dinner is \$17. Adult admission with the fish dinner is \$20.

Donations of fancy desserts for our live auction would be happily accepted! We would ask that food items be dropped off in the main office on Friday, April 12, from 12-3 pm if at all possible. Refrigerators and freezers are available if your dessert needs to be kept cold. We are also in need of desserts like cookies, bars, and pies for the dessert bar. If you would like to donate or would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Angela Hohenstein

(angela.hohenstein@kmlhs.org). You can also visit www.kmlhs.org/fmf for donation forms, volunteer signup forms, and more information.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: *GOD ON TRIAL*

Wednesday Services 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm .Soup Supper between services (4:30 pm—6:00 pm)

March 20 — *Misconceptions*, Pastor Steven Bode, Zion, Kohlsville

Holy Week

March 28 — Holy Thursday 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm

March 29 — Good Friday 1:00 pm, Tenebrae (Darkness) 6:30 pm

March 31 — Easter 6:00 am Sunrise, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Festival

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Jesse Kertscher - 3/17

Eisley Enright - 3/18

Mason Fochs - 3/18

Ronald Stange - 3/18

Michael Yttri - 3/18

Betty Ebert - 3/19

Ethan Seefeldt - 3/19

Jonathan Koch - 3/21

Richard Thiemer - 3/22

Kenneth Koth - 3/22



CALENDAR

Readings for March 17th - March 24th



MAR 17	MAR 18	MAR 19	MAR 20
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Exodus 1:1-22 Mark 14:12-31	Exodus 2:1-22 Mark 14:32-52	Exodus 2:23-3:22 Mark 14:53-72	Exodus 4:1-18 Mark 15:1-15
Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am		Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm Worship - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm Soup supper in between services.
MAR 21	MAR 22	MAR 23	MAR 24
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Exodus 4:19-31 Mark 15:16-32	Exodus 5:1-6:1 Mark 15:33-47	Exodus 7:1-25 Mark 16:1-20	Exodus 8:1-32 Psalm 118 Hebrews 1:1-14
Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am Ladies Guild - 6:30 pm		Worship w/Communion - 6 pm	Worship w/Communion 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am
			PALM SUNDAY
Ushers for 3/23 & 3/24	Ushers for 3/28, 3/28, & 3/31		
Sat. 3/23 6 pm - Beyer Sun. 3/24 8 am - Schacht Sun. 3/24 10:30 am - Wolter	Thu. 3/28 1 pm - Butzke Thu. 3/28 6:30 pm - Kempf Fri. 3/29 1 am - Schacht Fri. 3/29 6:30 pm - Peters Sun. 3/31 6 am - Schacht Sun. 3/31 8 am - Zuehlke Sun. 3/31 10:30 am - Strack		

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