

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Hymn of Invocation #686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:  
O Lord, merciful Father, you keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments.
- C** We confess that we have not listened to your servants the prophets. We have not heeded your law nor have we rejoiced in your gospel. We confess that things have fallen apart.  
But Lord, you keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. We want you to be our God and we want to be your covenant people. Grant us the gift of faith. By your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest your love in the keeping of your commandments and the living of your gospel.
- P** O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.  
Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Psalms 40:1-3*

- P** I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**C** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,  
**P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.  
**C** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
**P** Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

Psalm 32

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
**C** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**C** **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**
- P** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
**C** **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- P** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.  
**C** **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**
- P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!  
**C** **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.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

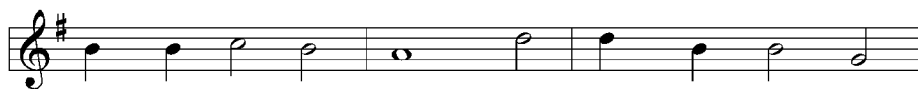
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Sermon Hymn #528

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>7</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

<sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Credo

*To the tune St Denio ("Immortal, Invisible")*

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive  
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.  
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,  
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,  
True son of the Father, by angels adored;  
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,  
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,  
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;  
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,  
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## *Service of the Sacrament*

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Sanctus

*To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")*

**"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;  
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.**

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## 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.**

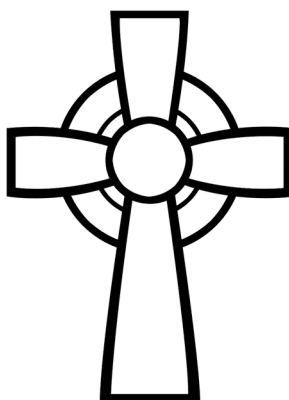
## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei

*To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*

**Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,  
Bearing the sinners' load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant your peace.**

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## Distribution Hymn #543

## What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## Distribution Hymn #971

## There Is a Redeemer

1 There is a Re-deem-er— Je-sus, God's own Son;  
 2 Je-sus, my Re-deem-er, Name a-bove all names;  
 3 When I stand in glo-ry, I will see His face;

Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho-ly One.  
 Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Hope for sin-ners slain.  
 There I'll serve my King for-ev-er In that ho-ly place.

*Refrain*

Thank You, O my Fa-ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,  
 And leav-ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

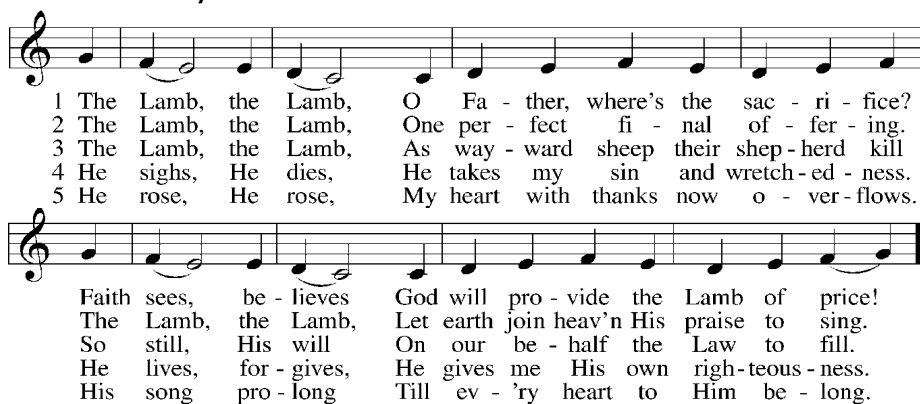
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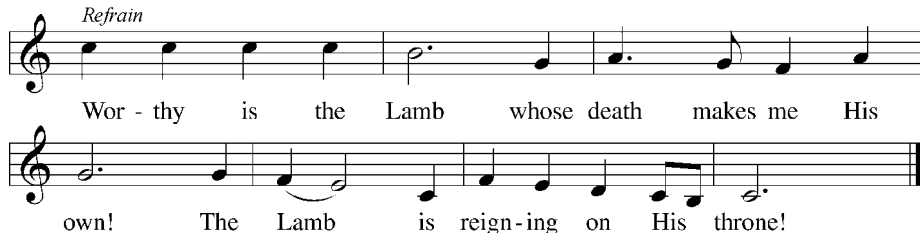
## The Lamb



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 righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### Refrain



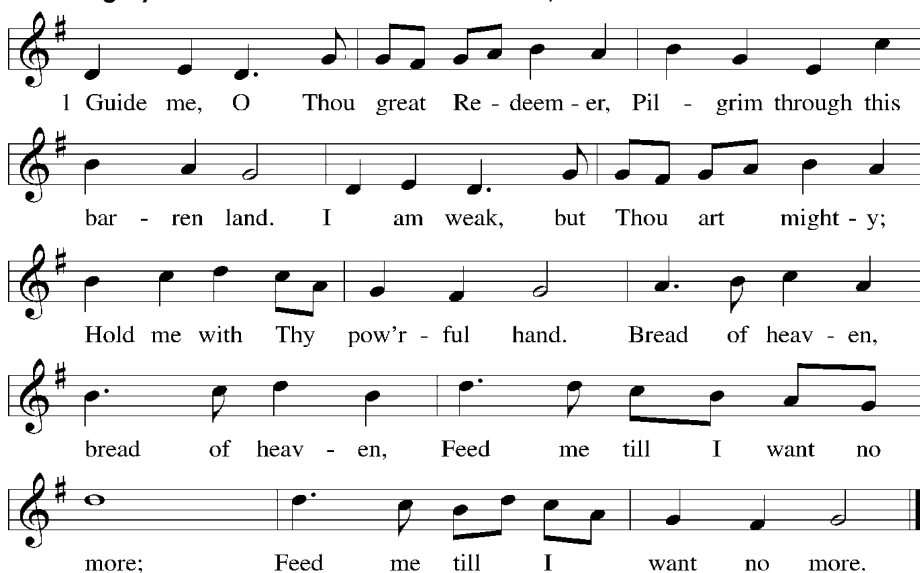
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## The Dismissal

### Closing Hymn #918

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer st. 1



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 more; Feed me till I want no more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932; Text and tune: Public domain

## Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** **Amen**

## Announcements

### Today

- **Bible Study** 10:30 AM: Adults and Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:00 PM

### Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

- **Midweek Lent Worship Service** – 7:00 PM

### Saturday

- **St. James Spring Clean-up** – 8:00 AM
- **Women of Faith Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**WE NEED YOU for St. James Property Spring Clean-up.** This is a great opportunity for family service. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please join us this Saturday, April 2nd, 8:00 AM – noon, with a rain date of April 9th. Please contact the property team, at [property@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:property@stjamesglencarbon.org) or call the church office, if you are able to help so they can best prepare for projects.

**Seder Supper** - Please join us for a Seder Supper on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. No tickets are required, but registration is requested. Please sign up for this event in the Narthex or call the church office.

**St. James Member Picture Directory** Please see the flyer and sign-up sheet in the narthex for details and to sign up for your photo to be taken in April!

Metro-East Lutheran High School's **33rd Annual Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held April 23. The cost of the outing is \$80 per person, which includes a meal, green fee for 18 holes, skins game, mulligans and golf cart. The deadline to register is April 8. For more information, call the MELHS office at 618-656-0043.

Calling all High School students! **Metro East Y4Life Club** is inviting you to: Human Trafficking and You: Serving the Abused at Metro East Lutheran High School, April 25 at 6:30 pm. You do not need to be a student of MEHLS to attend! Bring your friends! For more information, please contact the church office.

**Lutheran Summer Camp:** Registration for Lutheran Summer Camp at Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO is now open. 7th and 8th grade week will take place July 4 through July 9. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade week will take place July 10 through July 15. To access the registration form, please visit [TinyUrl.com/LutheranSummerCamp](http://TinyUrl.com/LutheranSummerCamp). You can also email them at [LutheranSummerCamp@gmail.com](mailto:LutheranSummerCamp@gmail.com) and they will email the registration form to you. Registration ends June 17

**Alcolytes:** Any students 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade interested in serving as alcolytes please contact the church office or sign up in the Narthex.



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