

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

Opening Hymn: 669 Come, We That Love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our
3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred
4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be



known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er



round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Responsive Kyrie

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

Confession and Absolution

- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name. Amen.**
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- L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalms 86:3–5

- L** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
 - C** **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**
 - L** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
 - C** **Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 126

- L** When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- C** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- L** The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.
- C** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!
- L** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
- C** He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.
- 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 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸"Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise."

- L** This is the word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God
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New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

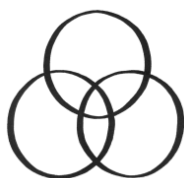
¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

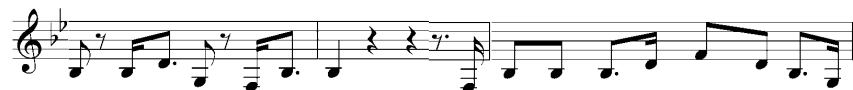
- L** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.



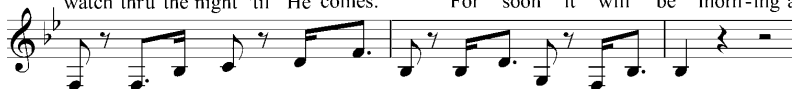
Sermon Hymn: Press On



1. Where two or three are gath - ered in the name of the Lord, He is
2. Now let the Word be scat - tered like the seed on the soil. Day by
3. And may He find us wait - ing with our lamps burn-ing still, keep-ing



here, He is here, in our midst. And we will sing to - geth - er, be re -
day, watch it grow in His care. And may you be a shel - ter as you
watch thru the night 'til He comes. For soon it will be morn-ing and the



newed by the Word. When we part, may we go in His peace.
reach to the lost, glad in hope, calm in pain, true in prayer.
sun will ap - pear. Christ who brought us this far brings us home.

CHORUS



Press on all you saints, press on till the end.



Christ with us, ev - er with us un-til He comes a - gain.



Press on all you saints, run and run to win.



Christ with us, ev - er with us un - til He comes a - gain.

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer Response

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- L** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
- C** Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:
Glory to You, O Lord in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei

- L** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
C Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-uge of the
 tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear, His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, Is the
 soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
 sult-ing His dis-tress; Man-y hands were raised to
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners
 Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in-ter-vene to save; But the
 point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the
 wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall
 see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.
 deep-est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus-tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev-er be con-found-ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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Distribution Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



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 hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none 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 suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence 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!

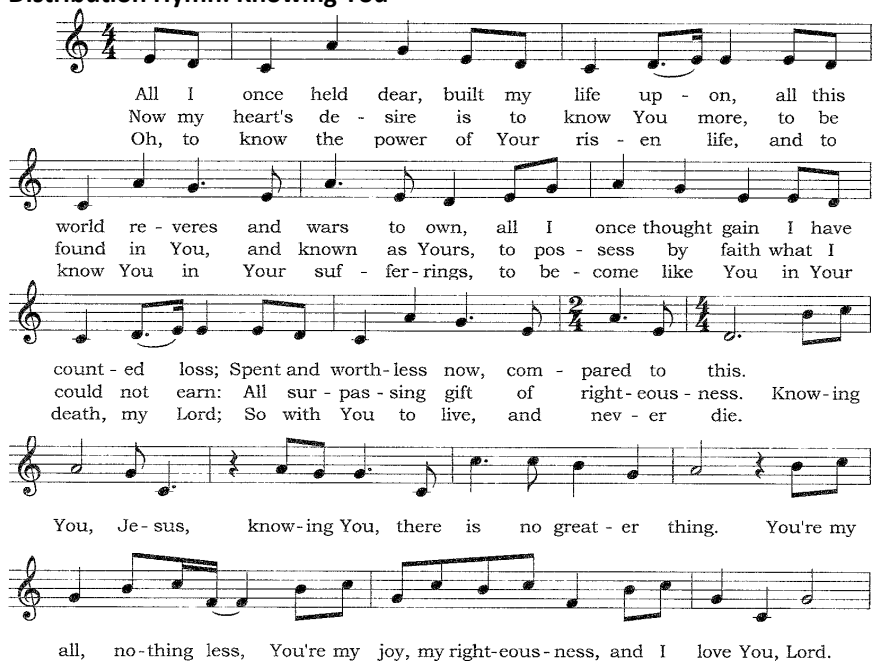
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Distribution Hymn: Knowing You



All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this
 Now my heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be
 Oh, to know the power of Your ris - en life, and to
 world re - veres and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have
 found in You, and known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I
 know You in Your suf - fer - rings, to be - come like You in Your
 count - ed loss; Spent and worth - less now, com - pared to this.
 could not earn: All sur - pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness. Know - ing
 death, my Lord; So with You to live, and nev - er die.
 You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er thing. You're my
 all, no - thing less, You're my joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love You, Lord.

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The Dismissal

- L** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

- L** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 Which You have prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.
 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.

Call to Christian Community

- L** Jesus once said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Jesus calls His followers to live in community. After our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. Now receive God's blessing.

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**
L 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 ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,
Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,
Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Bob Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Tuesday

- [Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#) - 6:00 PM (Downstairs)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM
- Fellowship Dinner – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This Spring, Saint James will be joining members of Good Shepherd, Collinsville on Saturday, April 12 for a vigil that will be located next to Planned Parenthood Fairview Heights, 317 Salem Pl Fairview Heights, IL. Sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. If you have questions or need a prayer folder, please contact Janice Lanto 618-779-8269, Carmen Stewart 314-503-7449 or Janice Wendel 618-660-9166.

Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Join us this Tuesday! Come celebrate the arrival of spring with a tea party! If you'd like, please bring your favorite tea party fare (finger sandwiches, quiches, canapes, scones, or little sweets). Text Shala Baker with any questions at 618-315-0788.

Help Fill Glen-Ed Pantry's Shelves with Most-Needed Items: Consider donating some items Glen-Ed Pantry always needs: pasta side dishes, hamburger helper meal starters, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, saltines, other crackers, jelly, pancake syrup, laundry detergent and dish soap. Glen-Ed Pantry runs because of volunteers. To see how you can help, go to www.glenedpantry.org and find out about regular or special project volunteer opportunities. Questions? Contact Bev Tieman 618-288-4201.

Fellowship Meal – Please join us this Wednesday, April 9th in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM for a fellowship meal and devotion by Pastor Engfehr. Free-will offering will be collected to support the youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.



We all know that Jesus is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. We all know that he is the Son of God. Then why in his time on earth did he constantly refer to himself as the Son of Man? What is the Old Testament reference that helps answer this question? We explored that topic on the most recent episode of [Craving Answers Craving God](#).

Thanks so much to everyone who supported The LWML Circle of Friends collection of underwear during the month of March. Your donations were much appreciated by the school nurses in School District 7.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for volunteers to hide eggs for the Glen Carbon Village Easter Egg Hunt which will be happening on **Saturday, April 12th**. Rain date is **Sunday, April 13th**. Please join us for this fun service event by signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Easter Brunch

Mark your calendars for Easter Sunday Brunch immediately following worship Sunday, April 20th. The Fellowship Team has a wonderful brunch and egg hunt planned. Come and enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the fun! Please bring your own basket/bag for the egg hunt.

Youth Annual Yard Sale

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 14. Items can be dropped off at church the week prior to the sale. Funds raised will help with expenses for Mission Trips and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

Lutheran High is hosting the **Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament** on April 12th at Arlington Greens in Granite City. The event will start at 8 am and lunch will be provided afterward. If you are interested in entering a team please contact Rob Stock at rob.stock@melhs.org or call 618-656-0043. We can enter teams in the tournament until April 8th.

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

April 9 @ 6:30 PM	Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall
April 17 @ 6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship/Pastor Tony Boos
April 18 @ 6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship/Pastor John Lukomski
April 20 @ 9:00 AM	Easter Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
	Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

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