

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

Hiding Treasure in Trash

Opening Hymn517, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert)..... Psalm 73B

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 407, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

SERMON - VIDEO (Part 6) “**One by One**”

Offering Hymn 750 v. 2, “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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Communion Hymn.....663, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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Closing Hymn 563 vv. 1 & 4, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

Isaiah prophesied that the nation of Babylon would trash Judah and carry them into captivity. Isaiah also prophesied that this would produce the treasure of spiritual renewal.

This is what the Lord says, who makes a road through the sea and a path through mighty waters, who brings out the chariot and the horses, the army and the strong warrior. They will all lie down together. They will not get up. They are extinguished. Like a wick they go out.

Do not remember the former things. Do not keep thinking about ancient things. Watch, I am about to do a new thing. Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it? Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I will make rivers. The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I am providing water in the wilderness, rivers in a parched wasteland, water for my chosen people to drink. This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 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; in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:9-19

God the Father sent his Son into the world knowing the world would consider Jesus trash, even though Jesus is the precious cornerstone upon which God builds his house.

He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ “But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let's kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!” But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwiygart.

THE LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES THIS WEEK! Our Lenten worship services will be held on **Wednesday, April 9**, at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Pastor Mose will be leading us in worship for this service. Please join us!

CALL MEETING: We will be having a call meeting to fill our part-time Gr. 5-6 teaching position on **Wednesday, April 16**, immediately before that evening's Quarterly Voters' Meeting. The call meeting will begin at **7:00 PM**. All voting members are invited and encouraged to attend!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16**, and will begin immediately upon completion of the call meeting which begins at **7:00 PM**. A big topic of discussion will be the budget for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. All voters please note this date and time on your calendars as we urge you all to participate!

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE: Please note the dates and times for our upcoming special services: **Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:00 AM** worship service; **Maundy Thursday** (communion worship services), **April 17, 3:15 PM -and- 7:00 PM**; **Good Friday, April 18, 1:30 PM** worship service; **Easter Sunday** (communion worship services), **April 20, 7:00 AM -and- 9:00 AM**.

EASTER BREAKFAST: On **Sunday, April 20**, between our **7:00 AM -and- 9:00 AM** worship services, we will be hosting an Easter breakfast. **Dean & Suanne Ebert** are our coordinators. Scrambled eggs with ham, breakfast sausages, pancakes and French toast will be provided, but we will need donations of food items to supplement the meal. If you would like to provide something, please see the sign-up sheet which is posted on the church bulletin board. We will also need volunteers to help set up, clean up, and prepare food that day. You may sign up to help in that way as well. Thanks, in advance, to all who help in any way!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, April 27**. All confirmed members are invited to join us!

WLA – HOT LUNCH: St. Matthew's has been assigned the dates of **April 28 – May 2, 2025**, to help serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of service are **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board. If you would like more information about helping, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)**. Thank you!

PASTOR SCHULTE'S INSTALLATION has been scheduled for **Sunday, May 4**, at **2:00 PM**. Following the service there will be a catered meal. So that we may plan for the amount of food which is needed, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board if you are planning on staying for the meal. Also, in connection with Pastor Schulte's installation, we would like to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Schulte with housewarming gifts. If you wish to give a gift to the Schultes, there is an Amazon gift list which can be emailed to you, please speak with **Debbi Foulkes** if you are interested. You can also email her at church@stmatthewironridge.com -or- you can call the office phone number of **920-625-6600**. Please leave a message if no one is available to answer your call. If you prefer, cash or gifts cards would also be accepted and appreciated.

NO SPRING RUMMAGE SALE THIS YEAR! Due to a number of scheduling conflicts which have arisen, the PTL will not be having a spring rummage sale this year. If you want or are able to hang on to some of your treasures, please do so as our hope is to continue the tradition in 2026.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Lenten Services: 47/28; Sunday: 143

Offerings: Lenten Services: \$666.00; Sunday: \$4,315.55
(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$20.00



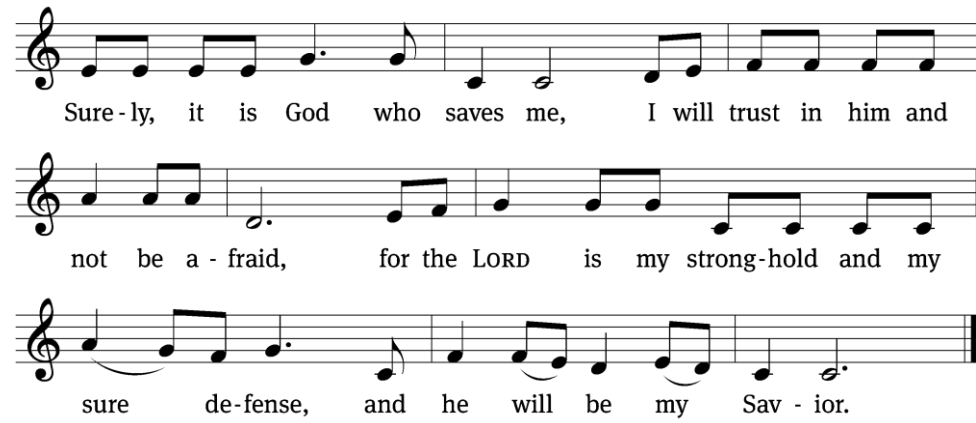
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OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM
Tuesday:	Elders' Meeting.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday:	Lenten Worship Services.....	3:15 PM/7:00 PM
	Church Council.....	8:00 PM
Thursday:	Adult Choir.....	7:00 PM
Sunday:	Palm Sunday Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM

73B Surely It Is God Who Saves MePsalm 73B

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Tone



I am always / with you;
you hold me by my / right hand.
You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
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

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