

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - JUDICA

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OPENING HYMN “*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*”

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+ **Invocation, Confession and Absolution** +

LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong.: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Cong.: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong.: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 43: 3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43: 1-2a

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God

Cong.: and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

Pastor: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Cong.: For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

Cong.: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

Cong.: and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Cong.: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God,

Cong.: and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

Pastor: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Cong.: For you are the God in whom I take refuge. 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.

+ **KYRIE** +

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

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

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

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

Cong.: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22: 1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, *“Abraham!”* And he said, *“Here I am.”* ² He said, *“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”* ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, *“Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”* ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, *“My father!”* And he said, *“Here I am, my son.”* He said, *“Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”* ⁸ Abraham said, *“God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”* So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, *“Abraham, Abraham!”* And he said, *“Here I am.”* ¹² He said, *“Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”* ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, *“The LORD will provide”*; as it is said to this day, *“On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”*

This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 9: 11-15

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

*Return to the Lord, your God,
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
And abounding in steadfast love.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL +

John 8: 42-59

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.

⁴² Jesus said to them, *“If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”* ⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, *“Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”* ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, *“I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”* ⁵² The Jews said to him, *“Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”* ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, *“If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”* ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, *“You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”* ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”* ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: “My Song Is Love Unknown”

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SERMON

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**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong.: hear our prayer.

CREATE IN ME

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (spoken)

LSB 162

**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 have trespassed 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**

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"*

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Organist: Bill Vlasak

THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study with Pastor Poock

9:15 am Sunday school

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Fellowship to follow

12:00 Youth Catechism

Monday, March 27

6:30 pm GriefShare

Wednesday, March 29

3:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Lenten Service

6:00 Lenten Meal

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 30

6:00 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Adult Catechism

Saturday, April 1

10:00 am Choir Practice

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday Lenten Services: March 29 @ 5 pm Service and Meal to follow

Palm Sunday: April 2 @ 8 am & 10:30

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 6 @ 5 pm & 7 pm

Good Friday, April 7 @ 5 pm & 7 pm

Easter Services: April 9 Sunrise Sunday Service @ 8 am Divine Service @ 10:30

April 5th: No Wednesday Divine Service or Bible Study

Happy Birthday

Martha Riedl 29th

Don Hill 30th

Susie Cashon 31st

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Annette Schander 27th (58 yrs.)

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