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# Visitors & Guests

Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to the Pastors or Elders, fill out our Visitor Card (*turn in for additional resources*) and assist us in recording church attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. We hope you join us again soon.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS** are located in the back center pews as you enter.

## *The Sacrament of the Altar*

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

**If communing**, please prepare using pp. 308, 329-330 found in the front of our Hymnal.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper. You may come forward during Distribution to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the Sacrament (or blessing), please stand, bow, and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

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A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

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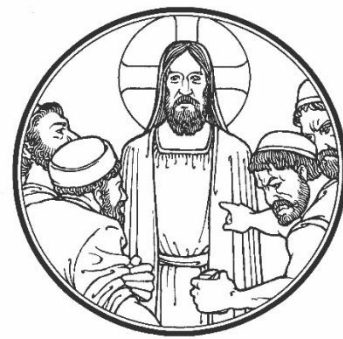
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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (*Judica*)

## Today's Readings:

Genesis 22:1–14 Hebrews 9:11–15 John 8:(42–45) 46–59



## *Jesus Is Our Redemption*

In the temple Jesus said, “If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death” (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

## *Hymn of the Day*

## *My Song is Love Unknown*

**LSB 430**

Samuel Crossman (1624–83), an Anglican priest, composed this poem in the latter part of the 17th century. It was not originally intended to be a hymn. Instead, Crossman’s poem first appeared as one of a collection of nine that he attached to a conduct book he had written for young men. Here he told religious stories and offered encouragement for godly living that children might grow in the faith.

## *Lent, Judica, Passiontide & Veiling of Crosses*

We said “farewell” to Alleluia at Transfiguration, which is now replaced by the Tract. There has been a progressive “dropping off” in the liturgy. The Gloria in Excelsis was silenced on Ash Wednesday; the Pastors and congregation have refrained from high chant, most portions spoken; **come Judica, TODAY, the Gloria Patri is removed as well after the Introit and after the Nunc Dimittis. Judica marks the beginning of the “Passiontide” and our crosses are veiled after the Holy Gospel where we hear the words “Jesus hid Himself.” The ancient thought is that we do not deserve to look upon the crosses because we are not worthy of the sacrifice that Jesus has made for us there. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. To partially remove it then, even if only for a short time, heightens how much we need it. This jarring ceremony also helps us to better appreciate it when it returns.**

Thus, the Church more and more assembles in solemn silence before the majesty and mystery of the Holy Cross, until at the Great Vigil of Easter and The Resurrection come roaring back to greet us.

## **In His Service Today:**

**P** Rev. Aaron Schultz, Headmaster & Assoc. Pastor Choir Director: Deb Trewartha  
**A** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor Kantor/Organist: Phil Lehman  
Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

Violins: Kelsey Harris, Carina & Lauren Hodges, Carolyn Kopeschka Cello: William Hodges Bass: PJ Kopeschka

**8:15am**

Greeter: Joann Whorwell  
Altar Guild: Jennifer Dorantes, Judith Dorantes  
Ushers: Don Thompson, Mike Klemsz, Steve Vogtman  
Elder: Larry Hoffman

**10:45am**

Greeter: Linda Hoyt, Kristen Hoyt  
Altar Guild: Miranda Harris, Kelsey Harris  
Ushers: Eric Hodges  
Elder: Mark Werling

## **SERVE**



Help serve as Greeters,  
Ushers & Altar Guild

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (*LSB DS 1, p. 151*)

## Prelude & Tolling of Bells

*Stand*

### Processional Hymn

### *The God of Abraham Praise*

**LSB 798** <sup>1-3, 7</sup>

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tow'r.

- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.
- 7 There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.

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## Confession & Absolution

**LSB 151**

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **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.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

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

- A** Vindicate me, O God,  
**C** **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**  
**A** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
**C** **For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**  
**A** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
**C** **let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

- A** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
- C** **and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- A** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
- C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**
- A** Vindicate me, O God,
- C** **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**
- A** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- C** **For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

## Kyrie

**LSB 152**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 22:1–14**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.”

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

## Youth Anthem

## Lamb of God

Richard Shephard, St. James Music Press, 2004

*O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me, now in my heart, I give myself to thee.*

*Forgive us Lord, and grant, with prayer and praise; that we may come to love you all our days.*

*Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord; that we would hold Thy wondrous name adored.*

## Epistle

**Hebrews 9:11–15**

<sup>11</sup>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) <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Tract

**Psalm 129:1–4**

**P** “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”

**C** let Israel now say—

**P** “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

**C** yet they have not prevailed against me.

**P** The plowers plowed upon my back;

**C** they made long their furrows.”

**P** The LORD is righteous;

**C** he has cut the cords of the wicked.

## Holy Gospel

**John 8:46–59**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>46</sup>“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

<sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>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.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>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.’ <sup>55</sup>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. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

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

## Veiling of the Crosses

*As the Gospel words say, "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple," our crosses in the sanctuary are now veiled. As our mouths and ears have been fasting from Alleluia for all of Lent, now our eyes fast as well - we will not look upon these signs of faith and joy until the Easter Vigil.*

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

## Hymn of the Day

## *My Song Is Love Unknown*

*LSB 430*

- 1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!

- Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
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 suffering 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!

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Offertory

*LSB 159*

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*

- 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, 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

*LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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

- P** 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."



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymn**

***I Bind unto Myself Today***

- 1 I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.
- 2 I bind this day to me forever,  
By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
His Baptism in the Jordan River,  
His cross of death for my salvation,  
His bursting from the spicèd tomb,  
His riding up the heav'nly way,  
His coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.
- 3 I bind unto myself today  
The pow'r of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need,  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,  
The Word of God to give me speech,  
His heav'nly host to be my guard.

- 4 Against the demon snares of sin,  
The vice that gives temptation force,  
The natural lusts that war within,  
The hostile foes that mar my course;  
Or few or many, far or nigh,  
In ev'ry place and in all hours,  
Against their fierce hostility,  
I bind to me those holy pow'rs.

- △ 5 I bind unto myself the name,  
The strong name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three,  
Of whom all nature has creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

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**Distribution Hymn**

***The Lamb***

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me  
His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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**Distribution Hymn**

***Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying***

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying,  
By their witness testifying  
To the One whose death-defying  
Life has come, with life for all.
- 2 In a wat'ry grave are buried  
All our sins that Jesus carried;  
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried  
Us across death's raging flood.

- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,  
Past the scowl of death He leads us;  
Spreads a table where He feeds us  
With His body and His blood.
- 4 Though around us death is seething,  
God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,  
By His Spirit life is breathing  
Through the living, active Word.

- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating,  
Working faith and its completing  
In the One whose death-defeating  
Life has come, with life for all.

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*Stand*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.
- C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

**LSB 165**

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry  
people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

**LSB 166**

- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**LSB 655**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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## Postlude

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica) – March 17, 2024**

**Catechism:** Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

**Verse of the week:** 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a [Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

**Daily Prayer LSB p. 294-298:** Pray and confess out loud Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

Bible Narrative		Second Reading
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Before Abraham Was, "I AM"—John 8:42-59</b>	Psalm 35:17-28 Isaiah 50:4-10
<b>MON</b>	Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin—Mark 14:53-72	
<b>TUE</b>	Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—Mark 15:1-15	
<b>WED</b>	<b>St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus—Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</b>	
<b>THU</b>	Lent: Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest—Mark 14:43-52/Sac. of the Altar	Psalm 69:16-30 Psalm 22 Philippians 2:5-11
<b>FRI</b>	The King of the Jews Is Mocked—Mark 15:16-32	
<b>SAT</b>	Jesus' Death and Burial—Mark 15:33-47 Zechariah 9:9-12	
<b>SUN Lectionary Readings</b>		Gen. 22:1-14; Ps.43; Heb. 9:11-15; John 8:46-59

## Psalm 43; antiphon: v. 5

Lead me to Your dwelling, O God, my God, and open my mouth with Your praise and song. Amen.

## Hymn of the Week: *LSB 430 – "My Song Is Love Unknown"*

The tune can be found on the web. Search "LOVE UNKNOWN"

Daily Psalms	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Morning	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22	26, 27	30
Evening	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24	25	28, 29

**Weekly Collect** - 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.

# Daily Themes for Prayer

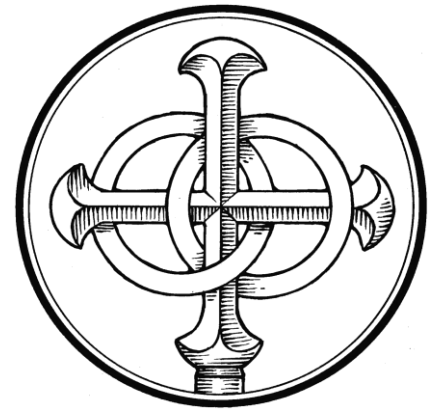
- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

**Specific prayer requests may now be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly to all. Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayers List.**

## Next Week

### Palm Sunday (Youth Confirmation)

March 24, 2024



#### SUNDAY

8:15am Divine Service

9:45am Bible Study

10:45am Divine Service

#### Hymns:

442, 438, 599 – 634 – 428, 441

#### Texts:

Zech. 9:9-12; Ps. 118:19-29 or  
31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt 21:1-9

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<sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying,  
"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

-Luke 18:16



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