

Fifth Sunday in Lent *Judica*

18 March 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 43:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a*)

Vindicate me, O God,

*and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

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

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex-ceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you in turmoil within me?

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

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.

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

GRADUAL (*Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*)

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-14

'After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 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." "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. 'On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. "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." "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. '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?" 'Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. "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. "Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. "But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." "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." "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. "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."

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15

"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) "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. "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, "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. "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.

Holy Gospel: John 8:46-59

"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? "Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." "The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" "Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. "Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." "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.' "Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" "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.' "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. "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." "So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" "Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." "So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Wednesdays in Lent



<i>Ash Wed</i>	<i>2/14</i>	<i>Supper by Brenda C.</i> <i>- imposition of Ashes starts at 6:45pm</i>
<i>Lent 1</i>	<i>2/21</i>	<i>Supper by Elders</i>
<i>Lent 2</i>	<i>2/28</i>	<i>Supper by Senior Youth</i>
<i>Lent 3</i>	<i>3/7</i>	<i>Supper by L.W.M.L.</i>
<i>Lent 4</i>	<i>3/14</i>	<i>Supper by Council & Boards</i>
<i>Lent 5</i>	<i>3/21</i>	<i>Supper by Senior Youth Group</i>

Supper served from 5:30 – 6:30pm

Family Night Classes & Choir 6:00pm-6:50pm

Lent Service 7:00pm



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
JUDICA
Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Weslie Odom

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 43:3-5 (antiphon; 43:1-2a) — *Vindicate me, O God*

Psalm:

Psalm 43 — *Send out Your light and Your truth*

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 22:1-14 — *The Sacrifice of Isaac*

Gradual:

Psalm 143:9a,10a; 18:48a, c — *Deliver me from my enemies; the Lord delivers*

Epistle:

Hebrews 9:11-15 — *Christ the Priest; Christ the sacrifice*

Tract:

Psalm 129:1-4 — *Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed*



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John 8:46-59 ESV

Author and Date:

The Apostle John, the disciple whom Jesus loved (John 13:23), receives these words from the Holy Spirit around AD 90. The text relates Christ Jesus' convincing proofs of His divinity to the Jews in the Temple, who seek all the more to kill Him.

⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

- Jesus here proves His innocence in the face of His persecutors. This reminds us of Pontius Pilate's declaration of guiltlessness on Good Friday. See also 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Hebrews 4:15.

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."

- Jesus cuts to the heart of the matter: faith and unbelief. He is preaching very stern Law to the Jews. Perhaps some who hear these words of Jesus repent and believe as they had earlier in this chapter, but many harden their hearts at these words and the words to follow. Those who refuse to hear the Word of God are not of God. Blessed, rather, are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. This brings to remembrance the explanation of the 3rd Commandment from the Small Catechism, which teaches that we are to fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and the Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

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."

- The Jews' response to Jesus words here is very similar to the response in the Gospel reading from Oculi Sunday, wherein Jesus exorcises a demon and the claim is that it's done by the power of Beelzebub. Jesus teaches that His works are in accord with the will of the Father. To dishonor Jesus is to dishonor the Father. Jesus' desire is to honor the Father, not glorify Himself. Jesus will be glorified by the Father, but it will be in a way contrary to the wisdom of the world as He is lifted up on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. Jesus, because He is God, desires all men to turn from their wicked ways and believe in His word. The result of this is rescue from sin, death, and the Devil.

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?"

- Amazingly, the Jews respond to Jesus' calm words with rage. They understand, it seems, precisely what Jesus is claiming about Himself. "Who do you make yourself out to be?" This is an excellent question for Christians to ponder. It's one Jesus asks the disciples (Matthew 16:15; Mark 8:29), and is one that has a clear answer in Holy Scripture: Jesus is the Son of God and the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

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.

- Again, Jesus confesses His divinity when He confesses that the Father in heaven is His Father. This section from John 8 is an excellent, clear portion of Scripture to remember when some claim that Jesus never called Himself God. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that those who refuse to hear will not hear.

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

- Jesus is speaking to the Jews as sons of Abraham according to the flesh. In verse 47, He has clearly shown that they are not sons of Abraham according to faith.

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.

- To ears used to hearing the Old Testament, Jesus use of the name "I am" is very clearly a confession of His deity. This recalls the pre-incarnate Christ's words to Moses at the burning bush when asked the name of the God whom He was going to the Israelites on behalf of. Genesis 3:14-15 records the following: "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'" And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."
- That the Jews understand that Jesus is calling Himself God is quite evident in their response in verse 59.

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FAMILY NIGHT DURING LENT Take a much needed break during the middle of your week and sit at the feet of Jesus. Come join your church family in fellowship, education and worship! Special Meal at 5:30pm, Classes, Choir at 6:00pm (PreK-8th) and Lent Service at 7:00pm. Sr. Youth meet after Service until 8:30pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/18 Hailey Dalland, Wanda Portenier 3/22 Violet Nunnenkamp, Jeremy Shuler 3/23 Melissa Hart, Tonda Wolfe, Virgil Naggatz

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/18 Mary Fredricks 3/19 Ron Fullerton, Sean Selko 3/20 Bertha Alvidrez, Modesta De La Cruz 3/22 Mariah Deepe, Andrea Fullerton, Mark Thurin, Jax Tyndall 3/23 Walt Irmer, Seth Latta, Steve Nissen 3/24 Abbie Hoins

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 3/20 Rev. Bryan & Debra Gies

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex Feb. 14-Mar. 31, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Peace Food Pantry & Hastings Food Pantry, ends Saturday, March 31st.

RESPECT LIFE BANQUET Today at the C3 Hotel Convention Center, Hastings. You may come to hear the speaker 5:30pm. Topic: The perils of euthanasia and assisted suicide on the elderly, handicapped, disabled, and to a nation. See or call Joan Primrose, cell [402-469-6335](tel:402-469-6335).

LIFEQUOTE "Ultimately abortions are antithetical to the Gospel message the church proclaims, as we marvel over the fact that Jesus says to undeserving sinners: 'I will lay my life down for my sheep,' and so He did, taking on our sin and shame and the debt that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Abortion instead demands of an innocent life, 'You will lay your life down for me.'" *Pastor Gunnar Ingi Gunnarsson, Loftstofan Baptistakirkja, Iceland - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

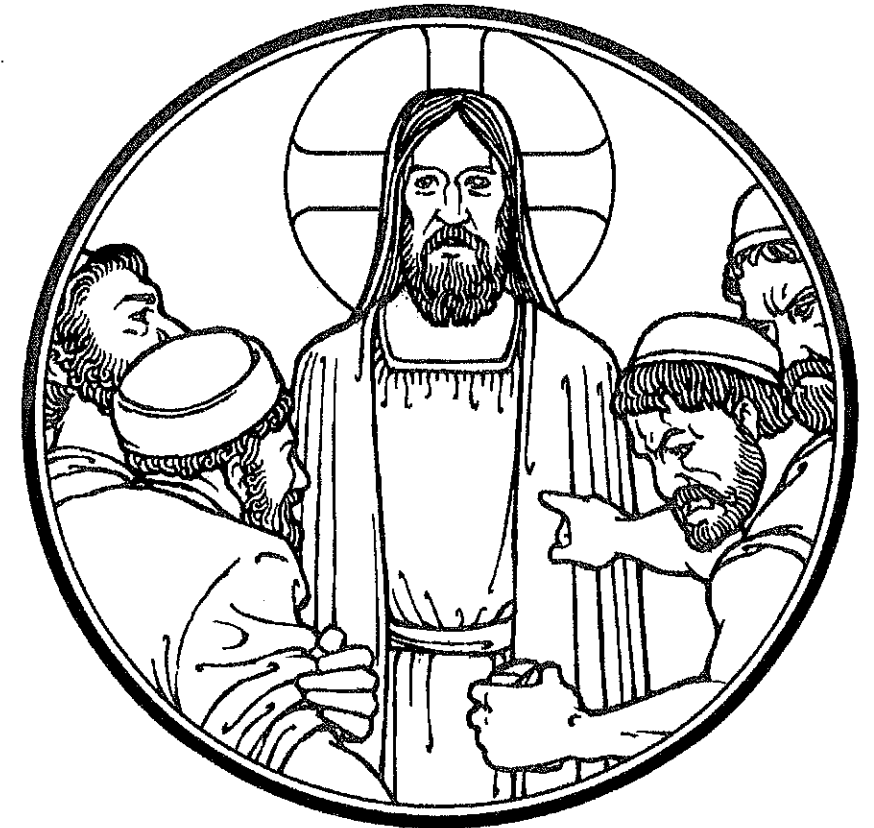
PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LATTY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in Collinsville, IL, about 15 miles east of St. Louis. Topics include: Islam, The Prosperity Gospel, Godliness, Religious Truth Claims, The Centrality of Justification, Abortion and Scientism. Speakers: Hank Hanegraaff, Rev. Hans Fiene, Rev. Will Weedon, Scott Klusendorf, Dr. Angus Menuge, Rev. Jonathan Fisk and Craig Parton. Attendance is limited to 400. visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Lent 5

Genesis 22:2 - "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.'" It's hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham's: he follows the Lord's Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

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March 18th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Barbara Thurin + Family of Paul Ohlsen Expecting + Erin Erb Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Phyllis Heath + Ron Davis + Janice Callan + Tonda Wolfe + Carol Metzger + Mark Dicken + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + June Rose + Jeannette Barker + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Taylor Cochrane + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Acolytes: 3/18 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Rylie McAleese
3/25 8:00am Violet Nunnenkamp 10:30am Allie Janssen
Crucifers: 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Hunter Fowler
Altar Guild: Mar. Jeanne Buck, Julie Klatt Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe
Ushers: 8am Wes C., Josh & Merrick R. 10:30am Walt I., Ernesto A.
Elders: 3/18 Roger B. 308-390-3484 3/25 Don N. 402-460-6430
Bus Drivers: 3/18 Gary O. 402-469-9797 3/25 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	171	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	166
<u>January Budget Income</u>	\$ 16,461.00	<u>January Budget Expense</u>	\$ - 21,709.00

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 18th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Tuesday, March 20th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 21st	5:30pm	Meal - Senior Youth
	6:00pm	Examination of Catechumens, Choir
	7:00pm	Lenten Worship 7:30pm Senior Youth
Sunday, March 25th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Reception-Confirmands
	10:30am	Divine Service-First Communion & Confirmation
	12:00pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved-Ellis Family

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

Return from Exile ... Lent V

A journey through a desolate place causes concern. In the midst of a desert, we wonder if we have enough water and food. In the middle of a drive across the wilderness of the Western Plains, we repeatedly check the fuel gauge. We know that death awaits the unprepared in the wilds and woolies. Indeed, the wilderness has always been considered a place of death and separation, a place of exile from all that we long for and hold dear, even from life itself. A journey through the wilderness is dangerous; but what awaits those who arrive at the other side? New life, a resurrection, a promised land where the Lord provides all good things, all life-giving and life-sustaining things. These are the blessings that come to the people of God from God's hand as He brings us out of the wilderness of sin into the paradise purchased by His Son. From the wilderness to the promised land—from death to life . . . a return from exile!



DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

During Lent, all responses are spoken

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

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Kyrie

Service of the Word

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Epistle Reading

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Gospel Reading

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day #430

Sermon John 8:51

"Never See Death"

Prayer of the Church

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Sanctus & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

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Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benediction

Hymn

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Postlude