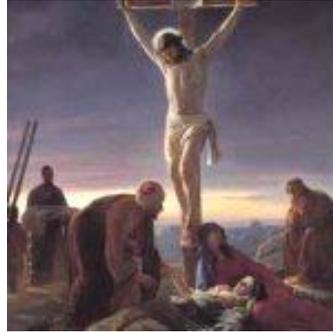


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**Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
March 18, 2018

*“Just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 5:21, NIV)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 148 (pages 156-157 in The Lutheran Hymnal)**

**HYMN 42 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “O Thou Love Unbounded”**

**A Service Of The Word (page 22, Worship Supplement)**

**PASSION HISTORY, part 5 – The Humble King**

Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. Then the soldiers of the governor led Jesus away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together and gathered around Him the whole garrison. And they stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him, clothing Him in purple. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and worshiped Him, mocking Him. They saluted Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head with it. And they struck Him with their hands.

When they had mocked Him, Pilate went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know I find no fault in Him.” Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!”

Therefore when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

Therefore when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”

Jesus answered, “You could have no power at all against Me, unless it had been given to you from above; therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the preparation day of the Passover; and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” And so Pilate delivered Jesus to their will, to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus’ purple robe off Him, and put His own clothes on Him. They took Jesus, and led Him out to crucify Him, bearing His cross. Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming from the country. On him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

And a great multitude of the people followed Him. But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children, for indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And they brought Him to the place called Calvary, in Hebrew Golgatha, which is the Place of a Skull. And when they had come there, they gave Him sour wine mingled with myrrh and gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink it.

**PSALM OF THE DAY (responsively) – from Psalm 96**

**M: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

**C: SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME; PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY.**

**M: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.**

**C: FOR THE LORD IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; HE IS TO BE FEARED ABOVE ALL GODS.**

**M: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

**C: GIVE TO THE LORD, O FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLES, GIVE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME.**

**M: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.**

C: SAY AMONG THE NATIONS, "THE LORD REIGNS; THE WORLD ALSO IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, IT SHALL NOT BE MOVED; HE SHALL JUDGE THE PEOPLES RIGHTEOUSLY."

M: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness.

C: FOR HE IS COMING, FOR HE IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH. HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE PEOPLES WITH HIS TRUTH.

The Baptism of Charli Kay Hubbard

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 143:1-5 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*"

SERMON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:22-24; John 3:14-15

### THE TREE OF LIFE TO THE CROSS

**Genesis 2:15-17** <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**Genesis 3:22-24** <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" – <sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**John 3:14-15** <sup>14</sup> "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 778 (Worship Supplement) "*Grace Has A Thrilling Sound*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 354 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*In The Cross Of Christ I Glory*"

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**WELCOME, VISITORS!** Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. **TODAY** our usher is Greg Suwanski. During this morning's service, CHARLI KAY HUBBARD, the daughter of Chris and Kendra Hubbard (born on January 29, 2018), will be BAPTIZED. Please STAY AFTER OUR SERVICE for a little RECEPTION in honor of Charli's baptism.

**TUESDAY:** CHICAGO BIBLE STUDY at the home of Nate and Beth Ude, 3343 N. Leavitt St., #3, at 6:00 PM.

**FRIDAY:** North Aurora Bible study at 10:00 AM.

**SATURDAY:** MEMORIAL SERVICE here at Ascension for Connie Hecklinger, the mother of Sandy Baker. The church will be open at 10:00 AM. There will be pictures, etc., on display in the fellowship hall. The actual memorial service, conducted by Pastor David Baker, will begin at 11:00 AM. Following the service the family will provide a lunch in our fellowship hall. Our congregation is welcome to come to any and all of these things.

**SUNDAY:** WORSHIP: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

**NEXT SUNDAY** our usher is Tyler Louderman. PASTOR BAKER WILL PREACH for next Sunday's Palm Sunday service. North Aurora Care Center Service: 3:00 PM, Batavia Rehab Center Service: 4:00 PM.

**ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH:** Our offering last Sunday was \$911.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 20. Our

General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$744.06.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE** at 7:30 PM.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at 7:30 PM. Roger Knief will preach the sermon.

**CLC NEWS:** Brian Fox of Messiah Lutheran Church and ILC Boys' Dorm Supervisor, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call as primary teacher/principal of Valley Bible Academy, St. John's Lutheran School, Clarkston, WA. Pastor David Schierenbeck of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced his plan to retire from the ministry and from his call to Berea at the end of June. Collette Krause has accepted the call to be principal and K-8 teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

"Baptism is no work done here by us, but a treasure, which God gives us and faith grasps (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is like the benefit of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross, which is not a work, but a treasure included in the Word. It is offered to us and received by faith." (from Luther's Large Catechism, IV 37).