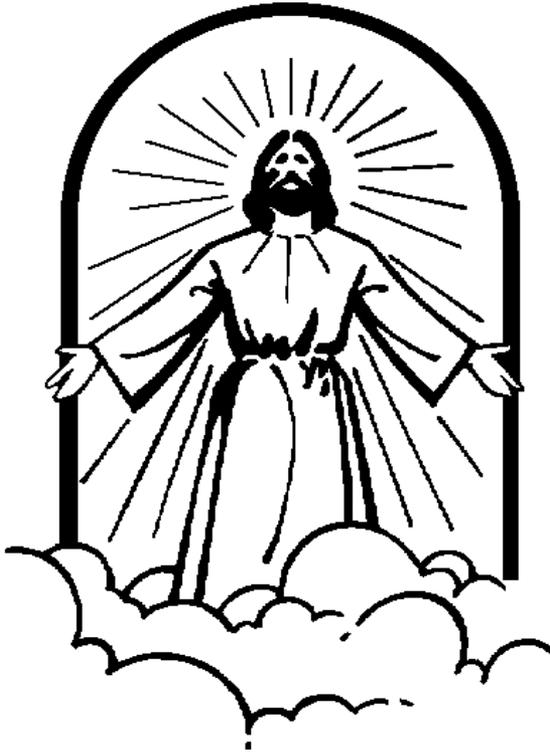


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## Judica: The Fifth Sunday In Lent

*“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)*

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the RED book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

VISITORS: It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord’s Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 66 (pp. 136-137 in TLH)

HYMN 760 (WS) *“Oh, Love, How Deep”*

INVOCATION (page 12, WS)

Matthew 28:19

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth.**

**In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

Kyrie sung (page 13, WS)

Mark 10:47

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis* Lk. 2:14; Rev. 5:8-14**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high;  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

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

**C: Amen.**

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.

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Alleluia** (sung) (page 14, WS)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**These words are written**  
**that we may believe**  
**that Jesus is the Christ,**  
**the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 27

M: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident.**

M: One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

**C: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

M: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

**C: When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

M: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

**C: Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!**

The NICENE Creed (page 5, WS)

**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 172:1, 2, 4, 6, 8 (TLH) *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

SERMON: Isaiah 52:14

### **JESUS’ SUFFERING MEANS OUR SALVATION**

Just as many were astonished at You, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philip. 4:7

OFFERTORY *sung* (page 16, WS)

Psalm 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence.  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 153 (TLH) *“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted”*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, WS)



M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

*(the appropriate Preface is read)*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Sanctus** (sung) (p. 18, WS) Is. 6:3; Mt. 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your  
name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION      Mt. 26; Mk. 14; Lk. 22; 1 Cor. 11

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei* sung (page 19, WS)      John 1:29

**O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.  
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

M: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

M: Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

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

**O Lord, now let You servant depart in heavn'ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

M: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN 145 (TLH) “Jesus, Refuge Of The Weary”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:  
10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Glenn Libby. We'll have our CHURCH SPRING CLEANING after lunch.

Sorry for the short notice. On the MAIN TABLE in the ENTRYWAY there's a list of things to do outside and inside. If you can't participate next Sunday, it would sure help if you can do some of the things that don't get done on another day that's convenient for you.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE is at 7:30 PM.

OUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE is at 7:30 PM.

EASTER BRUNCH: On EASTER SUNDAY immediately following our service we will have a BRUNCH. Please SIGN UP to help provide FOOD on the SHEET on the LITTLE TABLE in the ENTRYWAY.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday: offering: \$926.00; attendance: 20.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS on APRIL 23.

OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING is on APRIL 30.

CLC BOARDS WILL MEET April 24-25 in Eau Claire. The Coordinating Council meets on Wednesday, April 26. The CLC Call Committee will meet that evening.

ILC NEWS: There are three seminary graduates this spring, and no teacher graduates. To date, three congregations have requested a graduate: St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD; Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids, MI; and Faith, St. Louis, MO.

CLC NEWS: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, has called Claire Abbas of Peace Thru Christ School, Middleton, WI, to serve as a second full-time teacher in its

elementary school. Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, as teacher and principal for its new school.

It would ... be wholly improper to speak of despair on the part of Christ. Despair is iniquity and would conflict with the sinlessness of Christ, which is attested by Scripture. Besides, Scripture expressly bears witness that Christ, while forsaken of God, continued to trust in God (Ps. 22:1, 19ff.; Lk. 23:46). While He was forsaken of God, He still cried to God as His God, saying, "My God, My God!" Gerhard writes of this: "Other men cannot, without sinning, feel the wrath of God deserved by their sins, because of the utter corruption of their nature; for secretly in their hearts they become impatient, and at times they also murmur against God in words, as the examples of Job and Jeremiah testify. But Christ bears these tortures without any sin, persists in holy obedience to God, and retains filial trust in His heart. For these are by no means the words of one despairing when He exclaims: 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' But they are the words of One giving notice that He is enduring extreme agony of the soul and pains which are truly of hell. And so Christ, by wrestling with the power of the devil, with the horror of death, and with the agonies of the damned, brought back from them a glorious triumph for our salvation." ... Furthermore, it must not be forgotten that while Christ was forsaken of God, the Father's declaration still was true: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:17). By the very fact that Christ took upon Himself, in the place of sinful mankind, this extreme punishment of being forsaken of God and so fulfilled His Father's will, He remained the object of God's supreme love, even while He was under His wrath, just as He says: "Therefore does My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again." (Jn. 10:17. (Francis Pieper)