

Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 136 (page 154 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

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

The Order Of The Holy Communion (page 15, The Lutheran Hymnal)

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



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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.

GRADUAL (*responsively*) –Psalm 98

L: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

C: HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS HOLY ARM HAVE GAINED HIM THE VICTORY.

L: The LORD has made known His salvation;

C: HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS HE HAS REVEALED IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS.

L: He has remembered His steadfast love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.

L: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

C: SING TO THE LORD WITH THE HARP, WITH THE HARP AND THE SOUND OF A PSALM,

L: with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

C: LET THE SEA ROAR, AND ALL ITS FULLNESS, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL IN IT;

L: let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

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

THE NICENE CREED (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 172:1, 4-5 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*"

SERMON: Psalm 98:3

REMEMBER GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (ESV)

OFFERTORY (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 755 (Worship Supplement) "*What Is This Bread*"

THE GENERAL PRAYER

THE PREFACE (page 24, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE SANCTUS (page 26, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 27, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (page 29, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Luke 2:29-32

HYMN 723 (Worship Supplement) "*What Wondrous Love Is This*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Rick Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we're on Revelation 12:7. Our

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS TODAY after our Bible Study.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski; North Aurora Care Center Service: 3:00 PM, Batavia Rehab Center Service: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,062.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); and our attendance was 21. Our

General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$819.00. We are currently one mortgage payment behind (our March payment).

UPCOMING DATES: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 18, 7:30 PM; GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 19, 7:30 PM; EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, BRUNCH immediately following our service.

OUR VOTERS MEET on SUNDAY, MAY 5.

CLC NEWS: St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena, MN, has called Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, to serve as teacher and principal of their school. Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi, TX, has called Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD. Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran Church of Morris, MN. Faith Lutheran Church of Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler (Redemption Lutheran School, Lynnwood, WA) to serve as principal and to teach grades 6-8.

"Sinners are lovely because they are loved; they are not loved because they are lovely. That is why the love of man avoids sinners and evil persons. But Christ says: 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners' (Matthew 9:13). And this is the love of the cross, born of the cross, which betakes itself, not where it may find something good to enjoy but where it may confer good upon the poor and the needy; for it is more blessed to give than to receive, says the apostle (Acts 20:35)." (Martin Luther)