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**+ Judica (Fifth Sunday of Lent) +  
 Service of Prayer & Preaching  
 March 26, 2023**

**As We Gather: 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 'Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying'**

LSB 597



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that  
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.  
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
 With His bod - y and His blood.  
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
 Life has come, with life for all.

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**Opening Versicles: Lent**

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
 L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**  
 L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**  
 L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
**C He was bruised for our iniquities.**  
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
**C 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.**

**Old Testament Canticle**

LSB 261



**☩** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## **Reading**

*Genesis 22:1–14*

1After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” 2He 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.” 3So 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. 4On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and we will come again to you.”



## Reading

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

11When 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) 12he 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. 13For 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, 14how 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.

15Therefore 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.**

## Reading

*John 8:42–59*

42Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you are not able to hear my word. 44You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks lies, he speaks out of his own, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

48The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51Amen, amen, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death into the age.” 52The 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 into the age.’ 53Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died?

And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55But 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. 56Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsory: Lent

LSB 263

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

### Ten Commandments

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## 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.

Sermon "The Who, What, Where, When, and Why of Judging?"  
Hebrews 9:11-15

# Hymn 'Christ Sits at God's Right Hand'

LSB 564



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
That we confess.

6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
For endless days.

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## Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

L 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.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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## Blessing

## **Benedicamus**

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

## **Closing Hymn 'Not All the Blood of Beasts'**

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Zechariah 9:9–12, Philippians 2:5–11 and John 12:12–19.

**Stewardship:** Hebrews 9:12 – “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.” The only price that could redeem us was the very blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life, for how can we who are redeemed by the self-giving of God not also give of ourselves to His kingdom?

**LWML News:** Only 35 more days until the LWML Spring Gathering! We are going to have a used book sale at the gathering, the proceeds going to Mites from our zone. If you have books you would like to donate, please put them in the box in the entryway.

The sign-up sheet for the salads and cakes for the luncheon that day are on the table in the entryway, also. Please sign up as you are able. We are asking that the salads serve 8-10 people, and please cut your cakes into 12 pieces. Thank you so much for all the time, talents, and treasures you give the LWML. We sincerely appreciate it!!

**We are having a Birthday Card Shower for Caden Christinson. We would like it if everyone would get him a birthday card, sign it, and bring it to the church and place it in the marked manila envelope on the table in the entryway by April 23rd.**

***Thank you!  
Board of Evangelism & Missions***

**Sunday School:** In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

**Building Healthy Families for March 26th:** The truth hurts, or so they say, but lies hurt so much worse. Little white lies count here, too. Whether you are a teenager relating to your parent or a husband or wife relating to your spouse, pledge to always be truthful... even (and maybe most especially) when it would be easier not to. Don't try to cover things up. Over time, it will cause the relationship to suffer from a lack of trust. "We trap ourselves by telling lies, but we stay out of trouble by living right." (Proverbs 12:13) ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**Life Quote for March 26th:** "The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!" Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada ~ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 2nd:** Hear "Hell: No One Has to Go There" based on Matthew 26:20-29 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 26th:** Almighty God wondrously and abundantly brings forth life where we only behold despair and darkness (Ezekiel 37:3-6). How much more dear does He hold embryonic neighbors, impaired persons, and aging ones than piles of bones? And would we not witness—and deliver!—miracles in voicing it to them and for them, especially amid surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

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**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/2—4/8 is **Baker**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/9—4/15 is **Christinson**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at [immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net). Make payment to Amber and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

## **Birthdays**

*Monday...Chris Christinson & Joel R. Koepp*

## **Baptismal Birthdays**

*Monday...Marvin Honold*

*Thursday...Joe Wyckoff*

*Friday...Dennis Moon & June Routier*

## **Anniversaries**

*Monday...Ben & Emily Louden*

*Wednesday...Arnie & Joan Heimsoth*

*We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.*

## **Confirmation Memory Work for March 29th**

*5th/6th Grades: Lord's Prayer: Third Petition and meaning*

*7th Grade: Lord's Prayer: Introduction & meaning*

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

**March 15, 2023 Midweek Lent**

General Fund \$65.00

**March 19, 2023**

Attendance --

General Fund \$6390.10

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today	9:00am	Judica (5th Sunday of Lent)
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School (Popcorn Sunday)
		Usher: Oliver Louden
		Greeter: Mintle
		Servers: Lindsey Wyckoff/Bev Huebner
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Finn
		Elder: Steve Haase
		Food Pantry Sunday
Tuesday	2-4pm	Pastor in class
Wed.	4:00-5:00pm	5th/6th Grades Confirmation
	5:00-6:00pm	7th Grade Confirmation
	5:00pm	Meal
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer Service: Pastor Koepp
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sun.	8:00am	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	Palm Sunday
		Missions: Global Seminary Initiative
	10:30am	Bible Study
		Usher: Dan Huebner
		Greeter: Routier
		Servers: Sherry Baker/Amber Bayer
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole
		Elder: Joel McDonough

# ***Palm Sunday & Holy Week***

**April 2**

**9:00am Palm Sunday**

**April 3, 4, 5**

**Noon Prayer & Preaching Service**

**April 6**

**6:30pm Holy Thursday Divine Service**

**April 7**

**6:30pm Good Friday Divine Service**

**April 8**

**Noon Holy Saturday Prayer & Preaching Service**

**6:30pm Easter Vigil Service**

*He is  
Risen*

**April 9**

**Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Dawn Divine Service**

**6:30am**

**Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day Divine Service**

**9:00am**