

FIFTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**



Fifth Sunday in Lent
Judica – “Vindicate me, O God”
March 29, 2020
8:00 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

431 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 - joice 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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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing" more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

Stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18:20] LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Sit

Introit

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a

P Vindicate me, O God,
C and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
P from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
C For you are the God in whom I take refuge.
P Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
C and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
C Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
P Vindicate me, O God,
C and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
P from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
C For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 22.

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 come again to you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 9.

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.**

Stand



Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

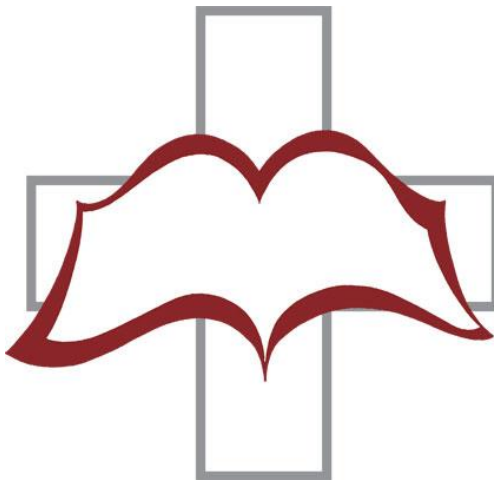
C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶“Which 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. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 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.’ 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, “Truly, truly, 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.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.

**☩ 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.**

Sit

Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16

*A message especially for children from our Director of Christian Education,
Amanda Adams.*



430 My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430, sts 1-4



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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Sermon



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If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (office@christlcms.org) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week’s service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 207

P Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us as individuals, a congregation, and a country. We petition that comfort and healing come to those who are ill or suffering (especially ...). Build up and strengthen us to minister to our friends and loved ones who are experiencing turmoil in their lives (we name before You...). Help us to hand over our own worries and concerns to You. Continue to spread Your Gospel and strengthen those who suffer persecution for calling Your Son Lord. Protect our armed forces and first responders and bring peace to their families, drawing them close to You. Bless our country and the leaders of our country, our state, and our cities that they may make good, wise and godly decisions. Bless the ministry and missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Kansas District of the LCMS, our congregation, Topeka Lutheran School and the Center for Young Children. Guide us in our lives to serve You in everything we do. In Christ’s name we pray.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 209

P Lord, hear as us we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:

C **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.**

Luther's 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.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Sit



563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563, sts 1-4



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

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-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Lydia B. (29th); Brandon B., Heather B. (1st); Aaron B., Martin E. (2nd); John A., Cassandra H. (3rd); Don C., Kendra M. (4th); Kent B. (5th)

Baptism Birthdays: Heather S. (29th); Brandon B., Bev C., Daria H., Jamie H., Amy H., Ashley K., Jan L., Dana N. (1st); Amelia B. (3rd); Carley B., Jordan B. (4th); Cody K. (5th)

Anniversaries: Ruu & Ginger C. (3rd); Milton & Joann W. (5th)

Need Help?

Are you self-quarantining at home and need assistance? We have a list of members who have offered to help run errands and make deliveries. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer, or if you would benefit from a helper. (Helping others in need is not a violation of Shawnee County's "Safer at Home" order.)

Phone Calls from the Elders

Did you get a phone call from our elders? If you answered 'no,' it's probably because we don't have your current phone number. (They attempted to contact everyone in our congregation.) Please contact the church office, and we will update your contact info.

Hymnals

If you would like a hymnal to use for daily devotions and worship from home, they are available to purchase (both print and digital) from cph.org, or you may borrow one from us here at church. To borrow a hymnal, contact Mel in the church office (785-266-6263 or office@christlcms.org).

Thrivent Cards

Thrivent members -- if you have unused Action Teams, please contact Amanda Adams (dceadams@christlcms.org or 785-266-6263). We are planning multiple projects to help us continue connecting as a congregation and keeping us in God's Word during this time of limited in-person interaction.

Men's Bible Study

Our Saturday morning Men's Bible Study group is continuing to meet via Zoom! If you would like to join them, please contact the church office for more information.

Zoom Meetings

If your Bible study group would like to utilize Zoom Meetings, please contact Amanda or the church office!

-- Announcements --

Additional Home Resources

Stay tuned! We will be sharing resources for devotions, prayers, Bible studies, children's lessons, and more. Watch the church website and our Facebook page.

Offerings

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Prayer Chain

If you would like to join our e-mail prayer chain, please contact the church office. It's something that you can still do from home that makes a big difference!

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Linda F., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Natalie J. (daughter-in-law of Liz J.), Brittian K. (grandson of Sondra K.), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister of Pauline C.), Kathryn B. (granddaughter of Robert & Marjean P.), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Cassandra H., Glenn T., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for our next pastor as well as our guest pastors, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

Last names have been removed for the bulletins posted online. For a complete list of members' birthdays/anniversaries or people in our prayers, please contact the church office. Thanks!



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.

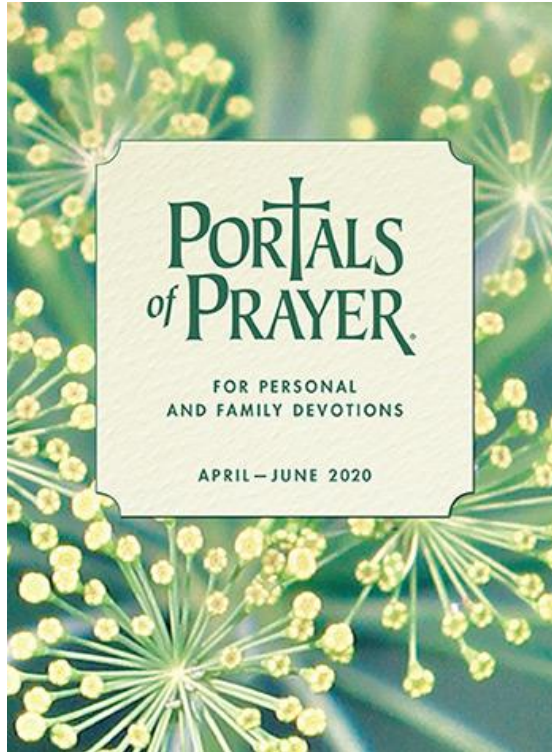
Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$7,300
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 3/22</i>	\$3,561

<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb)</i>	\$64,016
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Feb)</i>	\$51,906

Heb. 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?

*We have new Portals of Prayer for
April through June 2020.*



*If you would like us to mail a copy to you,
please contact the church office!*

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GOD

*is our refuge
and strength,
an ever present
help in trouble*

- PSALM 46:1

A coloring page for kids and adults!