

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

JUDICA (JUDGE) FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus Is Our Redemption

March 17, 2024

AS WE GATHER: 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.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful

to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: 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. Amen.

THE GIFT OF FLOWERS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

In memory of Bob’s Birthday
Diva White

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Matins

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB 604
“I Bind unto Myself Today”

*Confession and Absolution: (Printed)

“O Lord, open my lips...” LSB 219

PSALMODY

Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS

Catechism Recitation

Catechism Review Question #40

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-14

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15
Pew Bible Page 1871

*Holy Gospel: John 8:42-59
Pew Bible Page 1663

*Lent Responsory LSB 222

Office Hymn: Chancel Choir
“My Song is Love Unknown” LSB 430
Choir sings v 1-5, Congregation v 7

Sermon

Offertory LSB 428
“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

*Te Deum LSB 223

PRAYER

*Kyrie: LSB 227

*Lord’s Prayer: LSB 227

*Prayer of the Church

*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

*Collect for Grace: LSB 228

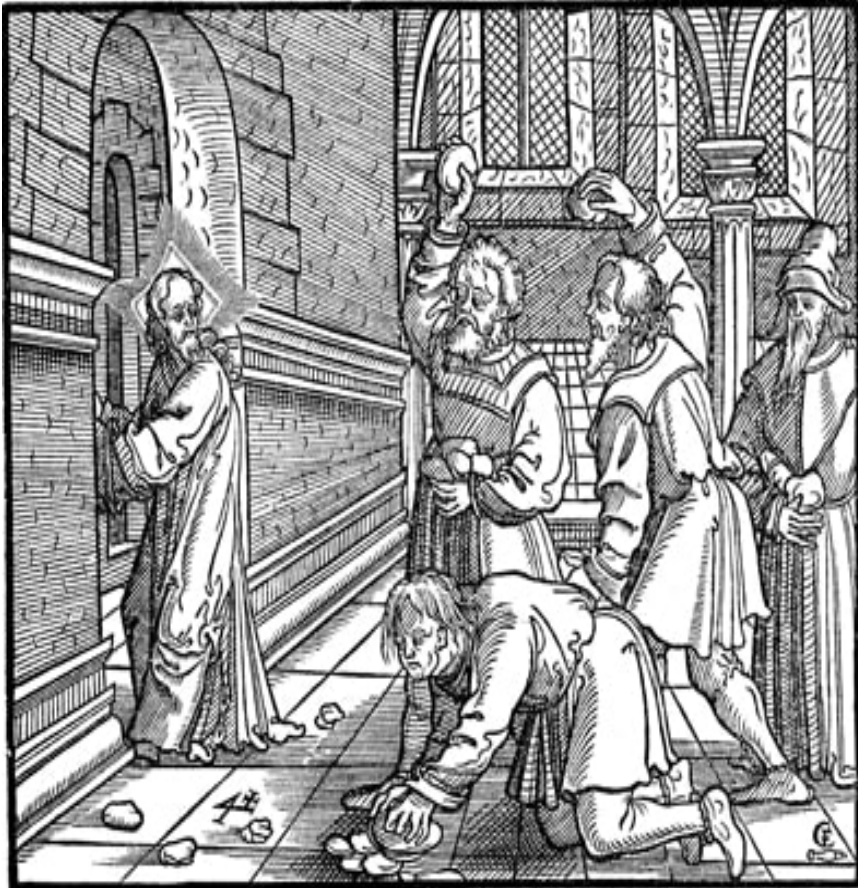
*Benedicamus/Benediction: LSB 228

Closing Hymn: LSB 431
“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.

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As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: Since it was Spring Break we did not receive any prayer requests this week.



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