

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Judica

March 17 – March 23, AD 2024

It is our responsibility and joy as Christians, who have been saved by the Word of God that He graciously caused to be proclaimed to us, to support the continued preaching of that Word not only that we might be strengthened and kept in the true faith but also for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Christ and those who do not yet call upon Christ in faith. It is actually one of the reasons that the Lord blesses us with our daily bread - that we might share a portion with our pastor so that he and his family might have their daily bread and he can give his full attention to prayer, to the study of Holy Scripture, the preaching of the Word, and to providing pastoral care to everyone in the congregation. But too often, our hearts bristle at the idea of giving the tithe to support the care of the church and the pastor because we have things that we want and if we return our offerings of thanksgiving to the church, then we won't have it to use for ourselves or put aside for a rainy day. But that is to sow to the flesh. The giving of offerings is the way which God has provided to give thanks to Him and to demonstrate our trust that He will always provide our daily bread as we have need. Let us repent of withholding our offerings and so making it more difficult for the Word of God to be preached in our midst, and pray to God to lead us to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty which the Lord provides so that our pastor can devote himself to bringing us the Word of God.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Table of Duties

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. **1 Corinthians 9:14**

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain." And "The worker deserves his wages."

1 Timothy 5:17-18

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

1 Corinthians 11:26 – *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Psalm 4

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (LSB 451)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSwV_vFZtk4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - JUDICA

① SUNDAY	JOHN 8:42-59	
② MONDAY	MARK 14:53-72	PSALM 35:17-28
③ TUESDAY	MARK 15:1-15 **	ISAIAH 50:4-10
④ WEDNESDAY	MARK 14:43-52	
⑤ THURSDAY	MARK 15:16-32	PSALM 69:16-30
⑥ FRIDAY	MARK 15:33-47	PSALM 22
⑦ SATURDAY	ZECHARIAH 9:9-12	PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

** TUESDAY – ST. JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS - MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves
- Birthdays: Joanna Gefaller (19), Matthew Schwiesow (20), James Long (22)
- Baptismal Birthdays: John Ulmer (18), Connor Hendon, Mitchell Hendon (21)
- Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy
- Our Pastor and Elders
- Alissa Ulmer, Dony Reaves, Doug Drawe, Ethan Sims, Mary Hart



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Table of Duties – What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

Palmarum, Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

Hymns: 442, 438, 450, 634, 451, 531, 421

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26-27

