

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## Last Judgement

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus uses the picture of a shepherd separating his sheep from his goats to explain what judgment will be like. On the last day, there will be a separation of people. Those who have placed their faith in God, and done the things he cares about, will join him in heaven. Those whose motives were selfish were not accepted by God.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” #686 ELW**  
*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ✝ Christ, leading you from death into life.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice,

**you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that**

**when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 98:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

“What Feast of Love”

#487 ELW

*Please stand if able*

### APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of resurrection and new life, inspire your church to reconsider what makes us holy. When we focus on our own piety or others’ sin, show us Christ’s faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Where nations are embroiled in chaos and unrest, cut a clear path for your people to follow. Lead us in ways of reconciliation, and foretell the new things you prepare. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of hard labor and despair (*especially*). Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Christ’s anointing. Fill your people with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God,

**you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Tender and merciful one,

**at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Bev Wedig, Winnie Zahradka

Ushers: Don & Donne Myhre

Hospitality: Wayne & Janice Olson; Ron & Carol Hass

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, March 31, 2019: 9:00 am 65

Wednesday, April 3, 2019: 6:30 pm 26

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**April 8, 2019 – April 14, 2019**

Monday	4/8	9:00 am	Women’s Devotions
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		1:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/9	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	4/10	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		5:30 pm	Potluck
		6:30 pm	Wednesday Service
Thursday	4/11	8 -12	<b>NE Synod Spring Gathering @ Bethesda</b>
		8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	4/12	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	4/14	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Praise Team practice

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** The first Sunday of every month we pass the "Blessing Box". If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ted Jaszczak & Ron Hass

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Purchasing a \$1 chance this month to win a 35 inch by 11 inch Hardanger table runner. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour after worship service. We hope you participate each month for a chance to win a different prize each month. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*

**SAVE THE DATE** April 11, 2019. Heartland Conference NE MN Synod Ladies Spring Gathering at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. 8:00am-12:00 noon. Guest Speaker, Brunch & Worship. More info to follow.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of April will be collecting small toys like dolls, cars, trucks, jump ropes, or balls to be packed in shoeboxes by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**MALMO AREA LIONS** are looking for gently used stuffed animals for the annual community picnic on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**CENTENNIAL JAM** is on sale today for \$5/jar in the fellowship hall after worship. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

**EASTER LILIES** sales will begin today. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.

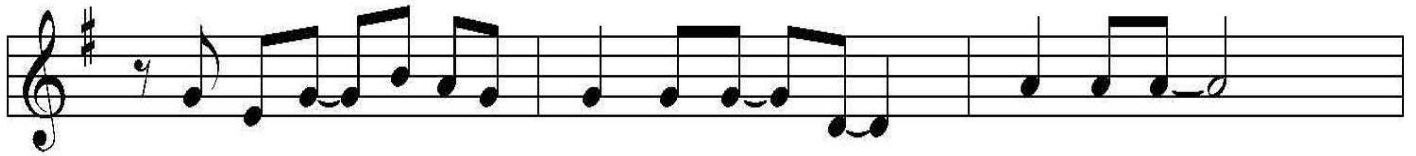
**ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA** "Risen This Day" will be presented at 7:30 pm on Good Friday, April 19th at Faith Lutheran in Isle. Free will donations go to Isle Food Shelf. Refreshments following. The music, scripture and narrations offer an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' life and the events of Holy Week ending with a hymn of gratitude and praise for the sacrifice of His life for our redemption.

# LORD OF JUSTICE

Larry Olson



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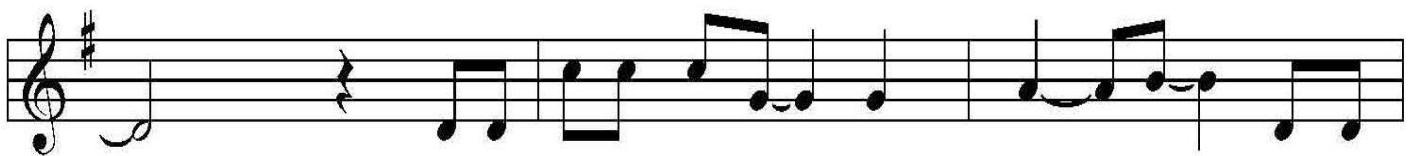
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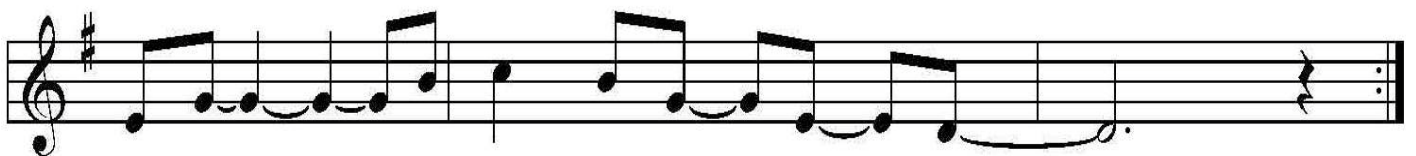
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To the wound - ed may we give



wel - come, to the hun - gry may we give bread.  
heal - ing, to the voice - less may we give words.



To the nak - ed may we give cloth - ing, to the  
To the cap - tives may we give free - dom, to the



home - less a place to lay their head.  
tor - tured re - lease from all the hurt.