

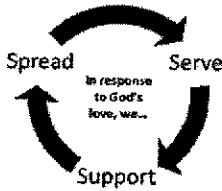
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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

+ Service of Holy Communion +

9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – *The ancient name for today, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, is Judica, the Latin behind “vindicate” in the Introit. This Sunday prepares us for next Sunday’s review of the Passion. Only in Christ are we truly vindicated. But the emphasis is on our response to God’s love and forgiveness. In today’s Gospel, Jesus inverts the usual triangle of power into an upside-down pyramid of service. The greatest in God’s kingdom, the position sought by His disciples in the Gospel, is now at the bottom, serving everyone above. Jesus is describing Himself! In contrast to priests who repeatedly pray for others and offer sacrifices also for their own sins, Jesus was a one-time priest, offering Himself as the sacrifice while being sinless. In this new covenant, promised in the Reading from Jeremiah, we know of our Lord’s great love, now written in our hearts. From the inside out, our desire is to return Christ’s sacrificial, forgiving love by serving one another in His name.*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“My Song is Love Unknown”*

by Wilbur Held

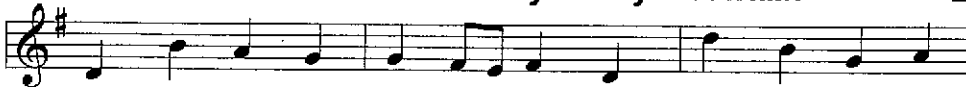
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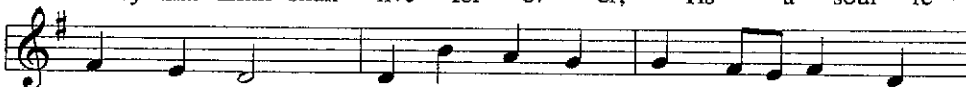
## ♩ OPENING HYMN

*Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain*

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

(continued)

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 31:31, 33; Mark 10:43-44

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant.*
- C** **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.**
- P** *And I will be their God,*
- C** **and they shall be My people.**
- P** *Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,*
- C** **and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:9

- P** *Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness.*

[Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.]

- P** *Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.*
- C** **But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.**
- P** *Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.*
- C** **But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.**
- P** *Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.*
- C** **But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry. Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.**
- P** *God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

**P** *Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*

**C** **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

**P** *I love the LORD, because he has heard*

**C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

**P** *Because he inclined his ear to me,*

**C** **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

**P** *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

**C** **I suffered distress and anguish.**

**P** *Then I called on the name of the LORD:*

**C** **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

**P** *For you have delivered my soul from death,*

**C** **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**All:** **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.**

**P** *Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*

**C** **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

## KYRIE

**P** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

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

**P** *For peace in our hearts, knowing that salvation is sure, let us pray to the Lord.*

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

**P** *For peace among the nations and the growth of the Church in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.*

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

**P** *For the Church here and wherever God’s people gather for praise and worship, let us pray to the Lord.*

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

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C** **Amen.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** **Heavenly Father, who has revealed to us Your great love in Christ our Savior and written Your covenant on our hearts, grant us such faith that our daily joy is in sharing Your love in what we think, say, and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1-10

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

### O Come, and Let Us Look Up

O come, and let us look up to Je - sus Christ, our Lord,  
The found - er and per - fec - ter of faith placed in God's Word.  
Who for the joy be - fore Him en - dured the cross's pain,  
De - spis - ing what sins wrought, their pun - ish - ment and shame.  
For that which He ac - com - plished for all hu - man - i - ty,  
At God's right hand He reigns, now and to e - ter - ni - ty.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 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 songs~~ *Sings*,  
 Our ~~sings~~ *sings* of thankful praise,  
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
 For endless days. Amen.

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## SERMON

### "WHO IS MELCHIZEDEK?"

Hebrews 5:1-10

- I. God sent Melchizedek to comfort and bless Abraham.
- II. God sends Jesus to comfort and bless us.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the Church here and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would move us to true repentance so that we reflect in our lives the love that He has written on our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Loving Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For the clergy and lay leaders of the Church, that God would help them call the repentant back, enable healing across painful divisions, and teach catechumens of all ages the message of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Have mercy on us, O Holy Spirit.**
- P** *That our Lord would bring about understanding across political borders, between racial, generational, economic, and cultural differences, and within families of all sizes and shapes, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord of the nations and Prince of Peace, listen to our plea.**
- P** *For teachers and students, social workers and counselors, police and all first responders, that God would keep them safe and healthy, guiding them in crises and sustaining them in chronic problems, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Father in heaven, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For all who are in exile from home, those who have been incarcerated, and any who have not been treated with human dignity, that God would surround them with supportive individuals and organizations, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Spirit of truth, increase their patience and hope that many may rejoice together.**
- P** *For those near and dear to us, [including . . .], people everywhere who seek healing and peace, and those known only to God, that our Lord would heal, restore, and console them, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord Jesus, come to their aid.**
- P** *These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*
- P** *Isaiah wrote, "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. . . . And one called to another and said:*
- C** **'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"**
- P** *When Jesus entered Jerusalem, "those who went before and those who followed were shouting,*
- C** **'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'"**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** *We give thanks to You, Heavenly Father, for in sending us Your Son to die and rise for us You not only gave us eternal salvation but revealed to us Your immeasurable love. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, Father, so that we might emulate our Savior's great love and service as we respond to Your grace and mercy. Strengthen us now through this Sacrament of His body and blood; grant that in true faith we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation You so graciously bestow upon us here. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

**G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament, You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So, remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:*

**G** **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.**

### PAX DOMINI

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**G** Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION

SOLO SELECTION

*"In Remembrance of Me"*

PIANO INTERLUDE

*"Amazing Love" with "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** *Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

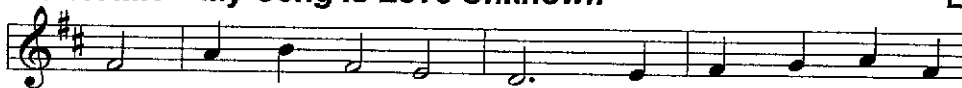
### BENEDICTION

**P** *The blessings of God—the Father, who loved us so much that He gave His only Son for us; the Son, who became one of us to die for us; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in us that we might be active in love—be with you, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN *My Song Is Love Unknown***

**LSB 430**



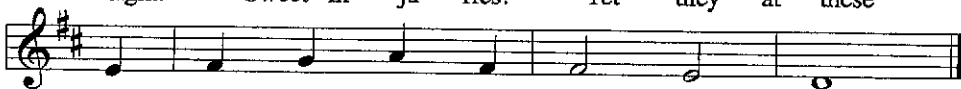
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



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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| <p>5. They rise and needs will have<br/>             My dear Lord made away;<br/>             A murderer they save,<br/>             The Prince of Life they slay.<br/>             Yet cheerful He<br/>             To suff'ring goes<br/>             That He His foes<br/>             From thence might free.</p> | <p>6. In life no house, no home<br/>             My Lord on earth might have;<br/>             In death no friendly tomb<br/>             But what a stranger gave.<br/>             What may I say?<br/>             Heav'n was His home<br/>             But mine the tomb<br/>             Wherein He lay.</p> |
| <p>7. Here might I stay and sing,<br/>             No story so divinell<br/>             Never was love, dear King,<br/>             Never was grief like Thine.<br/>             This is my friend,<br/>             In whose sweet praise<br/>             I all my days<br/>             Could gladly spend!</p>   |   |

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

*“Melody in G”*

by R. A. Laslett Smith

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