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Fifth Sunday in Lent—*Judica*

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Hymns: *In Christ Alone*, 430, 438, 429

Catechism Reading:

P The Fourth Commandment

C Honour your father and your mother.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Richard, Sindy & Nikola

Family of members

Patrick Rankin; Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Gus and Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Rob (depression); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Mike (operation); Sally (health);

Leanne (health); Gina & family; Rita

Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Julie Gardiner (health); Treacher family; Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Denise (cancer)

ELCE

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Edge, Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana; Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

PASSIONTIDE

Today marks the beginning of Passiontide, the final fortnight of Lent. Having focused on our journey with Jesus, our focus turns now to His passion and death for us.

Therefore, the mood of solemnity is intensified in the liturgy: the service is unaccompanied, and images are veiled. The Gloria Patri (“Glory be to the Father”) is omitted from the Introit and the Nunc Dimittis.

IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! —who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION
ARTICLE VII: THE HOLY SUPPER

When Abraham heard God's Word about offering his son, he had reason enough to debate whether the words should be understood literally or with a tolerable or mild interpretation. They conflicted openly not only with all reason and with the divine and natural law, but also with the chief article of faith about the promised Seed, Christ, who was to be born of Isaac. Nevertheless, when the promise of the blessed Seed from Isaac was given to him, Abraham honoured God's truthfulness. He confidently concluded and believed that what God promised He could also do, although it appeared impossible to his reason. So also about Isaac's sacrifice he understood and believed God's Word and command plainly and simply, as they read according to the letter. He committed the matter to God's almighty power and wisdom, which, he knew, has many more modes and ways to fulfil the promise of the Seed from Isaac than he could comprehend with his blind reason.

We, too, are simply to believe with all humility and obedience our Creator and Redeemer's plain, firm, clear, solemn words and command, without any doubt and dispute about how it agrees with our reason or is possible. For these words were spoken by that Lord who is infinite Wisdom and Truth itself. He can do and accomplish everything He promises.

Para 46–47

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

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| Today | 5 pm | Pastor at Oxford Mission |
| Wed | 2 pm | Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall |
| | 6.45 pm | Divine Service (St. Francis): The Annunciation |
| Thu | 7.30 pm | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| Sun | <i>CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE HOUR</i> | |
| | 10.30 am | Divine Service— <i>Palm Sunday</i> |
| | 12 noon | Holiday Club briefing |
| | 3 pm | Youth Club outing (Roller World) |

Next Month

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| 1 Apr | 10.30 am | Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) |
| 2 Apr | 7 pm | Divine Service (St. Francis)—Maundy Thursday |
| 3 Apr | 9.30–11.30 am | Easter Club (Scout Hall) |
| | 12.15 pm | Good Friday Chief Service (St. Francis) |
| 4 Apr | 8 pm | Easter Vigil (St. Francis) |
| 5 Apr | 9 am | Easter Breakfast (Scout Hall) |
| | 10.30 am | Divine Service with Confirmation— <i>Special Offering for Children's Outreach</i> |
| 6–10 Apr | <i>PASTOR ON LEAVE</i> | |
| 12 Apr | 10.30 am | Divine Service |
| | 4.30 pm | Divine Service at Brighton Mission |
| 15 Apr | 2 pm | Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge |
| 16 Apr | 7.30 pm | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| 19 Apr | 6 pm | Youth Club |
| 22 Apr | 2 pm | Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall |
| 23 Apr | 7.30 pm | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| 24 Apr | 3 pm | Bible study at Brighton Mission |
| 26 Apr | 10.30 am | Divine Service — <i>VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED</i> |
| | 5 pm | Pastor at Oxford Mission |
| 1–3 May | ELCE Retreat (Launde Abbey) | |

Daily Readings:

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| Sun: | Exodus 1:1–22 | Mark 14:12–31 | <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III:54–58</i> |
| Mon:Ex | 2:1–22 | Mark 14:32–52 | <i>FC SD III:59–67</i> |
| Tue: | Ex 2:23–3:22 | Mark 14:53–72 | <i>FC SD IV:1–5</i> |
| Wed: | Ex 4:1–18 | Mark 15:1–15 | <i>FC SD IV:6–13</i> |
| Thu: | Ex 4:19–31 | Mark 15:16–32 | <i>FC SD IV:14–20</i> |
| Fri: | Ex 5:1–6:1 | Mark 15:33–47 | <i>FC SD IV:21–32</i> |
| Sat: | Ex 7:1–25 | Mark 16:1–20 | <i>FC SD IV:33–36</i> |
| Sun: | Ex 8:1–32 | (<i>Psalms 118</i>) | Heb 1:1–14 <i>FC SD IV:37–40</i> |