

## Historic Lessons for the ✠ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent *Laetare*

### Old Testament

**Genesis 12:1-3 NIV** The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be Blessed through you."

### Epistle

**Hebrews 9:11-15** When Christ came as High Priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own Blood, having obtained eternal Redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the Blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! 15 For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a New Covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that He has died as a Ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

**Historic Gospel** (on front cover →)

### 3-Year C Gospel (Sermon Text)

**Luke 20:9-19** He went on to tell the people this Parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. 10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. 12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. 13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" 17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "'The Stone the builders rejected has become the Capstone'? 18 Everyone who falls on that Stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom It falls will be crushed." 19 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest Him immediately, because they knew He had spoken this Parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

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### Historic Gospel

**John 8:46-59** Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe Me? 47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." 48 The Jews answered Him, "Aren't we right in saying that You are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" 49 "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor My Father and you dishonor Me. 50 I am not seeking glory for Myself; but there is One who seeks it, and He is the Judge. 51 I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps My Word, He will never see death." 52 At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet You say that if anyone keeps Your Word, he will never taste death. 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do You think You are?" 54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. My Father, Whom you claim as your God, is the One Who glorifies Me. 55 Though you do not know Him, I know Him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His Word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing My day; he saw it and was glad." 57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to Him, "and You have seen Abraham!" 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone Him, but Jesus hid Himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ✧ Lent-5 Judica ✧ Judge (me) Lord, by Christ**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** On the silver liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	39 (5v)	Praise to the LORD, the Almighty
Gloria Hymn Verse	158 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1 Glory Be to Jesus, Who in bitter</i> ↗
Psalm 91	Ps. 51 "3v"	<i>Be Merciful, O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	367 (4v)	Hail, Thou Once Despiséd Jesus
Offertory Verse	158 (6v)	<i>Sing v.5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its...</i> →
Distribution Hymn	316 (5v)	O Living Bread from Heaven
Closing Hymn	371 (7v)	Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 Jere. 2:1-19 Hosea 13:9-14 Zeph. 3:1-8 Mic. 3:9-12 Isaiah 66:1-9 Zech. 9:1-17  
 Mk. 14:32-72 Mark 15:1-19 Mk. 15:20-47 Jo. 12:1-19 John 12:20-50 Jo. 13:16-38

**PROPERs for JUDICA SUNDAY ✧ ✧ ✧ ✧ ✧ 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in LENT APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**INTROIT** Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! Send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me, let them bring me to Your Holy Hill. Ps. 43

**COLLECT** We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully look upon Your people that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True... **C: ♪ A-men.**

**GRADUAL C: Deliver me, LORD, from my enemies! Teach me to do Your will! He delivers me from my enemies; You lift me up above those that rise up against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.** ...from Psalm 143

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** (printed on outside back page of the bulletin →)

OT **Genesis 12:1-3** God calls and blesses Abram/Abraham.  
 Ep. **Hebrews 9:11-15** Christ is the Mediator of a New Covenant.  
 Go. **John 8:46-59** Jesus says, "Before Abraham was, I AM."

**#158 GLORIA: 1. Glory be to Jesus, - Who in bitter pains Poured for me the Life-Blood - From His sacred Veins!**

**NEW Psalm 51 BE MERCIFUL O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED; BE MERCIFUL O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED**

**Ref:** Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned; Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned.

**Verse 1.** ♪ Have mercy on me, God, in Your compassion, blot out my offence. Oh wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all my sin.

**Refrain C:** ♪ Be merciful O- LORD, for we have sinned... (←Repeat)

2. ♪ My offences, truly I know them. And my sins are always before me; Against You, alone have I sinned, O LORD, what is evil in Your sight I have done. ♪ **Refrain...**

3. ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, put Your steadfast Spirit in my soul. Cast me not away from Your presence, Oh LORD, and take not Your Spirit from me. ♪ **Refrain...**

4. ♪ Give back to me the joy of Your salvation, let Your willing Spirit bear me up. And I shall teach Your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to Your side.

**Ref:** ♪ Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned; Be merciful O LORD for we have sinned.

**OFFERTORY: 5. Oft as earth exulting - Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing - Make their glad reply. (A-men.)**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (Member or Relation) Pray for...

**Linda Avant** (Al's mother) Linda has had acute Syatica pain. In & out of LRMC  
**Dee Kurczewski** (David) Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom  
**Jon & Andrea Sawyer** Jon back home (TGH). Andrea still on medical leave  
**Vivian Temple** (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her  
**James Vanesky & Delores Platt** Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar  
**Wendt family** (Steve, Ethel & kin) Comfort for family. Preparing to move also  
 (Write-in here...) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Write-in here...) \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Orpha &amp; John Weber</b>	<b>Ethel &amp; Steve Wendt</b>
<b>Treaters S/W</b>	<b>Sun: / Wed: Wienke</b>	<b>Sun: / 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Breakfast</b>

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
<b>Sun. / Wed. Attendance (L.S.)</b>	<b>22 / (20) 14</b>	<b>27 / 22</b>
<b>Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.</b>	<b>11, 9</b>	<b>10, 10</b>
<b>Sunday Offering (Needed) &amp; YTD</b>	<b>\$, + (1.3K)</b>	<b>YTD \$, (\$18.K)</b>

Calendar of Events		
<b>Today, April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am!</b>	<b>BibleStudy Key Symbols: "Seven" 77777</b>
<b>Judica ☩ Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am!</b>	<b>Divine Worship (WITH Communion)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>11:15 ff...</b>	<b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ... Stay!</b>
<b>LL Chorale Concert</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Concert at First Presbyterian Church LL</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/10</b>	<b>430,515,6</b>	<b>Lent-5Wed. Last Mid.; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible St.</b>
<b>Next Sunday 4/14</b>	<b>9:00 am!</b>	<b>BibleStudy Key Symbols: Twelve 12(144)</b>
<b>Palm ☩ Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am!</b>	<b>Divine Worship (NO Communion)</b>
<b>(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)</b>	<b>11:15 ff...</b>	<b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ... Stay!</b>

**Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892**

✧ (All OSL members & others) Signup for Easter: 1. Mums. 2. Food for → 3. Breakfast.

Sunday 4/14 Palm Sunday/C (p.5) TLH# 160 (161.1, Ps.91) 162 161.3 361 47

**JUDICA LENT-5C Luke 20:9-20 "GRACE-NOTE IN JUDGMENT-SYMPHONY" 4.7.19 OSL**

**INTRODUCTION**

In music there is a thing called a "**grace note**." A grace note is a short little skip of a note attached to the front part of the main note as an embellishment that isn't part of the melody or harmony. That's what we have in this morning's parable from the **Gospel according to St. Luke**. A tiny little note of grace riding a symphony of judgment. Unlike the musical grace note, this note comes at the end, not the beginning.

**(PARABLE/S) WHO'S IT FOR?**

With the Parables, you always have to pay attention **to whom Jesus is speaking**. Is it His disciples, the crowds, the religious Pharisees and teachers of the Torah? In this case it's the people **who were gathered in the temple** to hear Jesus teach. Off on the sidelines with their ears carefully tuned to Jesus' every word are the chief priests and the Torah teachers. They had unsuccessfully tried to trap him, and now they were listening. So you might say that this parable is "**both heard and overheard**." That's true for us today too.

**(THE PARABLE)**

"A man planted a vineyard." The people would recognize the vineyard as a picture of Israel, God's vineyard in **Isaiah**. The man leased it out to tenant farmers and went away. At harvest time, he sent servants to collect his share. The servants represented the prophets whom God had sent to Israel seeking the fruits of faith and faithfulness. The first servant was **beaten and sent away** empty handed; the second **beaten and humiliated**; the third **severely wounded**.

**D'YA THINK?!**

Then the owner does an (outrageously) crazy thing. He sends his Son. His **beloved** Son, in case you missed it. Now Whom do you suppose this stands for? Somehow the landowner has the idea that the tenants who beat up three of his servants would honor his son. (*Do you think?*) If you reject the Word of God through the prophets, do you think you'll respect the Word of God ...**In The Flesh?**

**"SON"-ACIDE**

The tenants have different ideas. "*Let's kill the son, and the inheritance will be ours.*" It sounds farfetched, but perhaps not. If the son was coming to claim his property and was killed, the land would be without owner and revert to the tenants. **Kill the son and claim the prize**. So that's what they do. And, "*What will the owner do(?)*" Jesus asks. He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.

**ME-GEN-E-TO!**

The people knew exactly what Jesus meant. They are shocked at the thought.(GRK *Μεγελευτο*) "*No! Surely not! May it never be!*" The thought was unbearable to think. Israel's favored nation status was coming to an end. Israel was about to kill the Beloved Son of God and wind up losing everything. Israel, the bearer of the mystery of salvation, God's chosen people, were about to **lose their land, the temple, and everything** that was theirs by promise, all because they rejected the Son's authority and refused to deal in faith with the Lord, the owner of the vineyard.

**BE WARNED!**

There is a **dire warning** here. God's grace is UNdeserved kindness **for Jesus' sake, not** for our own sake. Without Christ, there is **no** mercy, **no** grace, **no** forgiveness, **no** kindness.

**US TOO (BE WARNED)**

There is a warning for the church, God's Israel of the New Testament, and for all (us?!) who (*think* we) rest securely in the "*the church, the church*" apart from Christ. You can't have a bride without a Groom, and you can't have a church without the Lord Jesus Christ. The church today that doesn't proclaim the **death and Resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness, life, and salvation of the sinner** has the same fate in store for it as OT Israel.

**WE'RE JUST TEMPORARY**

And we're also reminded of our own **non-necessity**. We aren't owners but tenants, who can **be booted off the property** without so much as thirty days' notice. God is perfectly free to entrust the proclamation of the mystery of salvation in Christ to whomever He pleases. That's why we can say that the Church, as the visible and audible sign of Christ's saving death will always remain in this world. Our prayer is that **we** always be **a part** of it.

**NEW DEAL**

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when the Lord would do a "New Thing." He would make a way in the wilderness among the wild beasts; he would put water in the dry desert and give drink to His chosen people. **Something new**. A New Covenant, a New Chosen People, a New Way, built on the old foundation, but new nonetheless. And those who still **cling to the old thing will miss it, their ears won't hear it**, their eyes won't perceive it. Those were the religious of Jesus' day; and the religious **of all stripes in our day**.

**(PAUL) "BEST OF THE BEST"**

In his letter to the **Philippians**, the Apostle Paul laid out his religious credentials, and they were mighty impressive - circumcised on the 8th day under the Law of Moses, a card carrying member of the tribe of Benjamin, a "**Hebrew of Hebrews**" as Paul describes himself. As Jewish as it gets. With regard to the Torah, a Pharisee, trained under the great rabbi Gamaliel. Paul memorized the 613 principles, the 40 kinds of work forbidden on the Sabbath. He was zealous like no other - a persecutor of the church who rounded up Christians in the synagogues and hauled them back to Jerusalem in chains. He was, by his own personal testimony, "**blameless**" **under the Law** ...or so **he thought!** He kept all 613 principles perfectly and taught others to do the same, and considered those who didn't to be "sinners" and outcasts.

**LIFE FROM DEATH**

Then this zealous "Hebrew of Hebrews," this **religious Pharisee** encounters the Risen Christ on the **Damascus Road** and everything is changed. He counts it all as nothing, loss, literally "raw sewage." That's what Paul considered his whole religious life, **a bucket of raw sewage**, when compared with having Christ, and being found in Him, and

having a righteousness that is based **not on what you do** but on what Jesus has (already) done for you. It means quite literally **life from the dead**.

**MISSED THE MEMO(NOTE)** That's what the religious **Pharisees missed** when they looked at Jesus. They missed the **grace note**. "*The Stone the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.*" It was right there all along in the **Psalms (118:22)**. That little **note of God's Grace**. The Messiah of Israel is a **rejected Messiah**, One the architects and builders of Israel thought UNfit to be the cornerstone. But not the way God sizes up the angles. The rejected messiah is God's chosen, beloved Son. And in Him, **you are chosen and beloved too**, even if the religious world thinks you're crazy or not doing enough to save yourself.

**JUST DESSERTS** This Jesus, born of the Virgin, crucified and Risen, reigning at the right hand of God, the One who Baptizes you and forgives you and feeds you is the rejected Rock of Israel and the Cornerstone of your salvation. Little wonder the religious world has no use for Jesus! Little wonder that His Name brings ridicule and persecution! **Grace notes never get the attention they deserve.**

**CRUSHED ROCK** But don't be deceived. In The End, the Judgment of the world centers entirely on Him and His death which is the judgment of the world. Everyone who falls on the rejected Rock will be broken to bits, and it will crush whomever it falls upon. There is no avoiding this rejected Rock. Oh, you may succeed for a while in this life, but in the end it's Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus. Either fall on Him and be broken to bits in repentance so that (He) will **raise you up as surely as He is Risen from the dead**. Or resist Him and His Will to forgive and save you, attempt to justify yourself with your religion, and you will be crushed under the weight of salvation rejected.

**CONCLUSION** Almost every Parable has in it something chewy, a little something for the observant of faith. I find it here in that crazy plan of the wicked tenants: "*Let's kill the Son and the inheritance will be ours.*" Of course, **that's not the way it works**. But, in a backhanded way, it's the way **it really did work**, as the crowds yelled, "*Let His Blood be on us and on our children*" as Pilate tried to evade responsibility for Jesus' death. That is how it works in the upside-down "Economy of God's Grace." (Only) In the death of God's beloved Son **is our inheritance and the life of the world**. The Son's rejection is our acceptance, our life. Jesus' death is the "trump card" that makes every hand a winner, no matter how big a loser it/you might have been. Take the biggest loser of a life filled with sin and despair, and it comes up a winner with Jesus' death laid over it. Religion hates this kind of talk. But to faith, this is a **note of sheer Gospel Grace in the midst of Judgment**.

*The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is Marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23) IJ'N, Amen. SDG Now, the peace of God which passes all understanding ...*

### **Possible Prayer of the Church 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Judica (C) ✕ April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible brief silence)*

Christ is our Cornerstone, O Lord, the Rock upon which all our hopes rest. Bring to completion all that You have begun in us, and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation, that we might be the people in whom You delight and through whom You show Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear**

Help us to press on, O Lord, against all enemies and strive for the goal, the upward call in Christ, our Savior. We rejoice that we are not alone but surrounded by a great host of saints and fellow citizens of heaven, here and throughout the world. Bless our unity in doctrine and faith, and help us work as partners in Christ for the advancement of His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear**

Bless Your Church, O Lord, and bless those who serve us in Your name. Raise up godly men and women as servants of Your Kingdom, and lead us to honor the preaching of Your Word and the discipline of Your house for our benefit and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Guard us, O Lord, against all those who cause strife, whose acts of violence and terror threaten people everywhere, and who seek to destroy order and peace. Bless the **service men and women who defend us** at home and abroad and all police, firefighters and emergency personnel who work on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Make our homes places of blessing and love, O Lord, that husbands and wives may honor the promises of their marriage and faithfully care for the children You have given them. Help us to honor Your gift of life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Where people suffer in body or spirit, bring healing and peace, O Lord. Sustain the weary with Your Word, and grant the ill healing according to Your will. We lift before You the names of those requesting our prayers [*including **OSL Prayer List***] and those named in our hearts... Be with them in their hour of need and comfort them, that they may not be overcome by struggle, grief or pain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Teach us to love You above all things, O Lord, lest we gain possessions and lose our salvation. Lead us to use wisely and for Your will and purpose all the things of this life, and accept with our gratitude the tithes and offerings we bring, tokens of our faith and symbols of our trust in You to give us all that we need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive for our benefit the blessed food of Christ's body and blood in this Holy Sacrament. Unite us in faith, that this Holy Communion may show forth our common faith and equip us to live together in love as You have loved us and forgiven all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear...**

Where we are in error, O Lord, reform us. Where our love is lacking, renew us. Where our faith is faltering, give us strength. Where we are distracted, give us a clear focus on Christ, in whom we live by Baptism and faith. Keep us in Christ to the day of the Resurrection of all flesh, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and know fully the place You have prepared for us and the joy that does not disappoint. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and evermore.