

Judica
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



**Whoever is of God hears the
words of God.**

(John 8:47 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, "*If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death*" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Brad and Angela Perry in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary celebrated this week.

Beginning with Judica, the privilege and joy of confessing the Name of the Holy Trinity in the Gloria Patri and beholding the life-giving cross upon which was hung the salvation of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, is taken from us. The Gloria Patri is silenced throughout the Church's prayers, and the crucifixes, crosses, and artwork are veiled immediately after the reading of the Holy Gospel and the words, "but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple." We fast from these things for a time as a reminder of how precious they are and how blessed we are to have them. Thus, when they are returned to us, we are filled with great joy and appreciate having them once again. God grant that our love for these treasures would never be lost and that our fasting now would give way to joyous feasting.

This Wednesday our Lenten Midweek services continue the holy season of Lent, a time of special devotion, deepened discipline, and increased self-reflection. This week, we will contemplate the sin of wrath and how to confess it. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, March 25th.

One more week to purchase Easter Lilies from the Women of Wylie (WoW). They are \$15.00 each and checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with the memo: "WOW, Easter lily". Sign up sheets are on the round table in the narthex. Contact Sandra Traugott for questions or more information.

Equipping the priesthood of all believers... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Speaking Truth to Power; The 98th Academy Awards; Leisure & Love of Neighbor; Philippians 4:8: "Think on These Things;" Reaching Out to Gen Z Women and more. You can listen on-demand at

issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

HELPING HANDS

Connor and Hannah Dysart will be needing help moving into their new house on March 28th at 12:00 noon. Anyone who is available to help would be greatly appreciated to make the work faster and easier. Their current address is: 317 Branch Village Way Princeton and Connor's phone number is: 209-809-5491.

Faith Lutheran School, Plano has openings next year for Preschool Aides, Teachers, and part-time Office Support. If you are interested, contact the school office or Pastor Koble.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Hebrews 9:12 – “He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.” The only price that could redeem us was the very blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life, for how can we who are redeemed by the self-giving of God not also give of ourselves to His kingdom?

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
<i>03/22/26</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	<i>The Feast of the Annunciation</i> 7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Vespers Service
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution

