

# 5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

901 Cornwall Crescent

Dawson Creek, BC

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**Drive up Communion Distribution will be available after the Live Streamed Service until 12:30 for all St. Paul’s communicant members.**

## 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.

### Announcements

#### **Coming Up:**

Wed. Mar 24 7:00pm Spiritual Support Group

Wed. Mar 24 Recorded Midweek Lent Service

#### **Holy Week Services:**

Sun. Mar 28 11:00am Live Streamed Palm Sunday Service

Fri April 2 7:00pm Live Streamed Good Friday Service

**Your Invited:** Members of our congregation have been invited by Pastor Eifert to worship with them at St. John’s Lutheran Church Wembley as they are permitted to host in person services in Alberta.

Holy Week service times at St. John’s Wembley:

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service at 11:00 am

**All live streamed worship services will be broadcast to our parking lot over low power FM Radio. If you wish to listen to the service in your car, tune your FM Radio to 87.7 FM at 11:00 am.**

### **Drive Up Communion Distribution**

Starting today, we will begin to offer communion distribution to members inside their vehicles on the first and third Sundays of the month (until we are able to begin gathering in the building). In order to prepare for the reception of Holy Communion it is expected that all who come to receive will either watch the regular live streamed service at home, before driving to the church, or you may participate in the live service by listening to it on the radio. We will be broadcasting all our church services to the parking lot over FM radio.

During the communion service, Pastor will consecrate the elements on the altar, and conclude the service. After the service has “ended” Pastor and one elder will distribute communion to people in their cars, from the parking lot for 30 minutes after the live broadcast / internet service has ended. If you will need more than 30 minutes to get to the church please make arrangements with Pastor ahead of time and he will be happy to wait for you.

As always, we practice closed communion, meaning that we only commune those who share altar and pulpit fellowship with LCC. If you are not a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church please speak with Pastor Chris before the service if you wish to receive the sacrament.

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### **Organist / Pianist today (Pre-recorded)**

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