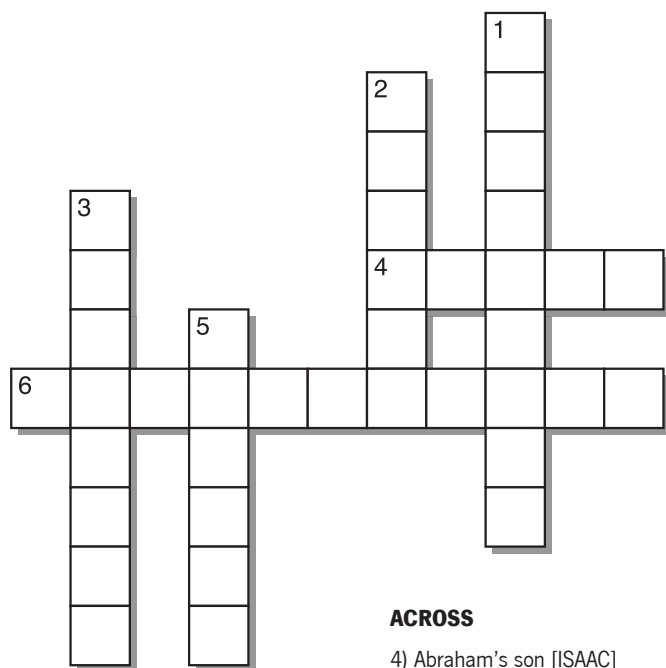


# Lambs at Pasture™



Judica — The Fifth Sunday of Lent

2018



**ACROSS**

- 4) Abraham's son [ISAAC]
- 6) The son of God [JESUS CHRIST]

**DOWN**

- 1) "Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my \_\_\_\_\_ and my God." — Psalm 43:5b [SALVATION]
- 2) Abraham is to give a burnt offering to the Lord in the land of \_\_\_\_\_ [MORIAH]
- 3) A promise from God [COVENANT]
- 5) This Latin word mean "judge (me)" or "vindicate me" [JUDICA]

**WORD BANK**

- COVENANT
- ISAAC
- JESUS CHRIST
- JUDICA
- MORIAH
- SALVATION



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**INTROIT**

*Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: Psalm 43:1–2a*

Vindicate me, O God,  
**and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**  
 from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
**For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**  
 Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
**let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**  
 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

**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.**

Vindicate me, O God,  
**and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**  
 from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!  
**For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

**DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

An answer key is available for download at [www.stluth.org/lap](http://www.stluth.org/lap)

**MEMORY VERSE**

*Psalm 43:1–2a*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB #655 — Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**CATECHISM CONNECTION:** The Fourth Commandment with Explanation

**COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The fifth Sunday in Lent is called Judica, which means “Judge (me)” in Latin (the ESV translates as “Vindicate me”).

## MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 43

What is the psalmist asking God to do?

The psalmist is pleading for vindication (to provide justification of his faith) against the ungodly people (non-believers). The psalmist is asking God to answer his prayer in a physical manner to prove to the unbelievers.

What is meant by “Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling”? (verse 3)

The psalmist prays to be with God at His holy hill (Mount Zion is a symbol for His church). The church is God's dwelling place. It is where the gospel is publicly preached, the holy Sacraments are given, and where His saints gather for worship.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 217 (page 188)

## TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 22:1–14

Why did Abraham take Isaac to a specific mountain in the land of Moriah?

God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as a burnt offering. Abraham feared the Lord and did not try to withhold his only son from God, he had great faith and believed that God will keep His promise (Abraham's son will be a great and mighty nation – Genesis 18:19).

What did Abraham say to Isaac when he asked where the lamb was for the burnt offering?

Abraham said with faith, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” (verse 8)

What happened when the angel of the LORD spoke to Abraham?

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven and told him, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

Abraham then saw a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. He went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham had great faith that the Lord will provide, and He did.

## WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 8:(42–45) 46–59

Why did the Jews reject Jesus' teachings?

The children of God hear God's Word, they believe in it, and live their lives according to it. “The reason why you do not hear them [God's Word] is that you are not of God” (verse 47). Therefore, the Jews are children of the devil because they cannot hear God's Word. They believed the lies their father (the devil) told them.

What does “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death” mean? (verse 51)

Whoever hears God's Word and has faith will live eternally with God in heaven.

Why did Jesus hide Himself?

It was not the right time for Jesus' death. “His hour had not yet come” (John 8:20).

Jesus will willingly be crucified (die from being hung on a cross) for our salvation when it is His time.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 39 (page 70), question 42 (page 72), and question 100 (pages 111–112)

## THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Hebrews 9:11–15

What is the difference between the old and new covenant?

The old covenant was established as a covenant of the Law found in the Old Testament. It is a promise from God based on physical works of the law, animal sacrifices, etc.

The new covenant was established as a covenant of the Gospel (New Testament) based on spiritual promises from God. Jesus sacrificed Himself for the transgressions (sins) of all believers, we do not have to do good works to merit our salvation. We are justified (found innocent of our sins) through Christ by faith alone.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 155 (pages 148–149)

## CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Fourth Commandment with Explanation and Judica?

We are to obey our parents and other authorities as Jesus obeys His Father.

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.