

A LITURGY FOR JUDICA SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020



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A Church Where God Gives and We Receive

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As we've watched the Coronavirus continue to spread this week, we remember that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church continues to be in prayer and discussion to seek the Lord's leading on the best next steps for our church. We will continue to monitor all updates from the CDC and other health outlets as we stay flexible to modify our schedule until the current public health crisis subsides. As decisions are made regarding weekly events and worship at The Good Shepherd we will continue to update you through email and social media.

We are not meeting in person today at the church due to federal, state, and local government guidelines on gatherings and "social distancing".

However, this Worship Folder may be used for Family Devotions. You will notice that there is no Service of the Sacrament because we are not gathering together. Due to not having the Service of the Sacrament, you'll notice that Pastor is wearing different vestments: a cassock and surplice. "The Sermon (and more)" will be online: [Facebook](#), [website](#), [YouTube](#) by Sunday evening.



Sentences from Synod for this **Judica Sunday - 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.

A prayer before the Liturgy: *O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

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1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

- 5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.



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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

**At the name of Jesus you may bow your head slightly in reverence.*

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord ***Jesus Christ** to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,**

innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, *Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord *Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver 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 ex- | ceeding 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 with- | in me?**
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.



Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

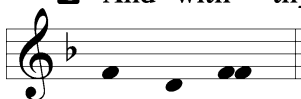
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

P The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 22.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "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." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

*Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!**

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

*[You] delivered me from my | enemies;**
you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 9.

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he 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. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how



much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the

first covenant.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”—
let Israel now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”

The LORD is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.



Holy Gospel

John 8:42-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴²*Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹*Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴*Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸*Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but *Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in *Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

([Click here](#) > [Hymn Link](#))



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their

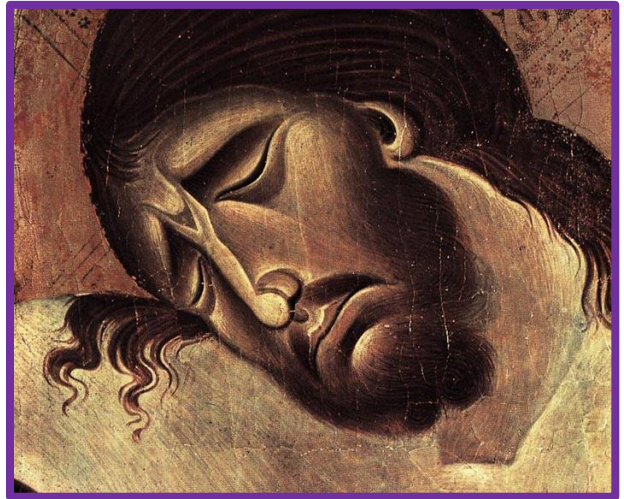


be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!



Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer".

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ *Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

(In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand or sit during the Prayer.)

For all the baptized, that we would be led by the light and truth of God's Word to see, with Father Abraham, the day of our Lord *Jesus Christ, when He went uncomplaining forth to the cross to suffer and die in our place and make atonement for all our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For the men who have been called and ordained to serve Christ's Church in His stead and by His command, that they would be blessed with faithfulness as they carry out all their duties, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For our partner churches around the world with whom we share altar and pulpit fellowship, that they would be kept steadfast in the saving doctrine of the blessed apostles drawn from the Word of God, and that they would be blessed in their endeavors to share that saving doctrine with their communities, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the gift of family, let us give thanks to the Lord; that the Lord would bless all families, protect them from harm and evil, give them hearts of love for one another, and provide for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, seeking to promote the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For all who suffer in body and soul, *especially those who have requested our prayers, including including Abai, Alice, Anita, April, Bonnie, Bruce, our pastor, Charles, Charlotte, Clinton, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Edward, Gerald and Lois, Irmgard, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Karina, Katheryn, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Melessa, Michele, Olivier, Philip, Phillip, Rodgers, Royce, Stephen, Susan, Susie, and Tuomo and his family*, that they would be blessed with patience and strength, and that they would receive healing and restoration in accordance with the Lord's will, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all the saints who have gone before us and now reside in heavenly bliss, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would be kept in the faith and, with them, receive the crown of glory as we enter into the life of the world to come when Christ returns on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through *Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver ✠ us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

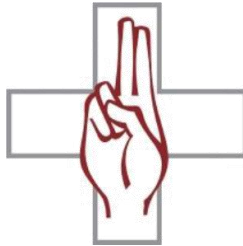
Collect

P Let us pray.

When Your enemies lied about You, most meek *Jesus, You answered them with tender words, and when they were about to stone You, You departed from them, while we can scarcely bear a hard word, and far from yielding to our neighbor, defend and avenge ourselves most passionately. Pardon us our impatience, and grant us the grace to bear patiently the wrongs done us, and when necessary, answer with gentleness for You glory and the salvation of our neighbor. In Your name we pray,

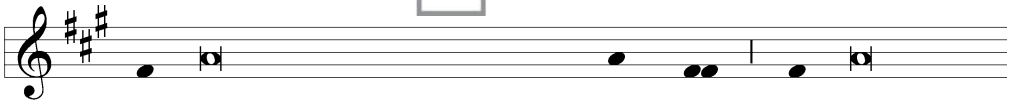


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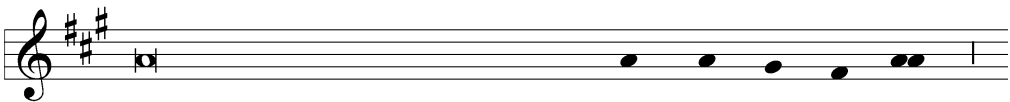


Benediction

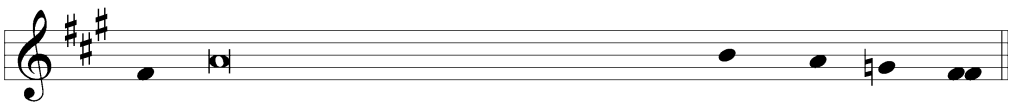
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



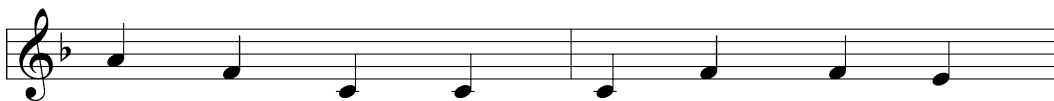
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



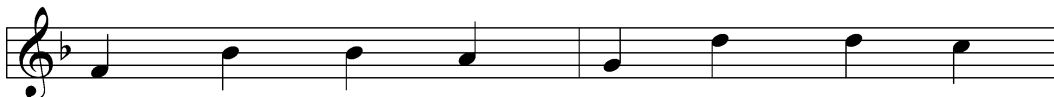
C A-men, a-men, a - men.



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,
 O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday Soup Suppers and Vespers services have been cancelled. We will keep you updated as Holy Week comes closer. Pastor will be preaching the sermons, though, to be posted on the church's website, and YouTube and Facebook pages.

GENERAL GIVING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



We know that our members confess their faith by the offerings that they give to support the ministry of the Gospel of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. It is important for us to provide for the work of our local congregation, so that the ministry of Christ is not hindered, and we continue to offer the peace and comfort that only Christ can give.

Don't forget to put your offerings in your envelopes and bring them when we next meet. Thanks!

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NOTES ON HYMN OF THE DAY: **My Song Is Love Unknown – LSB 430**

What kind of love does the Father have for us? He sent his Son to die so we would be called children of God (1 John 3:1). This love no one born from Adam can fully understand. This love we know only as we ponder what Jesus Christ has done for us, especially his death in the place of sinners. To defeat the devil for sinners, he is exchanged for a murderer (Barabas). Christ, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52–53), came from heaven for this purpose: to die the death of sinners and to be buried in our place. Because he died this death, all Christians rejoice and sing praises since we shall be taken to dwell with our saving God in heaven. Thus we sing of God's love for us in Christ, now and forevermore. (*Rev. Thomas E. Lock serves as Kantor/Assistant Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado.*)

WHAT IS **JUDICA**?

The Fifth Sunday in Lent takes its name "Judica" from the first word of the Introit in Latin, "Judge" ([Psalm 43.1](#)) (also translated *Vindicate*). Today begins Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent. Crucifixes are veiled in violet to teach that, in suffering, Our Lord hides His glory. Also during Passiontide, the *Gloria Patri* "Glory be to the Father..." is omitted.

AN EXCERPT FROM **MARTIN LUTHER'S SERMON for JUDICA**

"What does Christ do here? His life He abandons to shame and dishonour, is silent and suffers them to call Him a Samaritan; while He takes pains to defend His doctrine. For the doctrine is not ours, but God's, and God dare not suffer in the least, here patience is at an end; but I should stake all that I have and suffer, all that they do, in order that the honour of God and of His Word may not be injured. For if I perish, no great harm is done; but if I let God's Word perish, and I remain silent, then I do harm to God and to the whole world. Although I cannot now close their mouth nor prevent their wickedness, I shall nevertheless

not keep silent, nor act as if they are right, as I do about My good life, so that they retain their right. Although they do me injustice at the time, yet it remains right before God. Further, Christ excuses himself, and says: "I have not a demon," that is, My doctrine is not of the devil's lies; "but I honour my father," that is, I preach in My doctrine the grace of God, through which He is to be praised, loved and honoured by believers. For the evangelical Office of the Ministry is nothing but glorifying God, Ps. 19:2, "The heavens declare the glory of God" etc. "But you dishonour me," that is, you call Me the devil's liar, who reviles and dishonours God."

"Your Pastor has never pastored a church through a pandemic before.

When he opens, people are going to say he should have closed. When he closes, people are going to say he should have opened.

When he does not shake hands people are going to say he needs faith. When he shakes hands people are going to say he's foolish.

He's going to make some difficult decisions to protect the flock considering everything from your spiritual growth to legal liabilities that you aren't even thinking about.

Every Pastor believes that they pastor the most amazing group of people.

Remember this:

No one wants things to go well at church as much as your Pastor(s). Your Pastor needs your prayers and support right now."

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