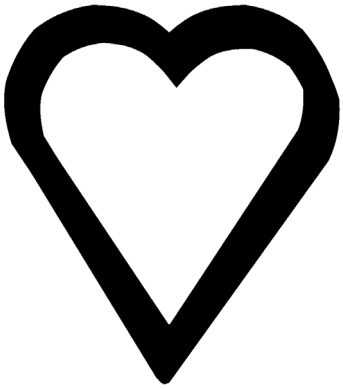
Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Pentecost 23

October 31, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 26 (Year B)



God promised his people of long ago that if they would but walk in his ways and follow his commandments, then they would be abundantly blessed. True happiness comes when we are close to God. Jesus' loving sacrifice for us has ensured that no matter what, we will be close to God. We are forgiven by the power of his holy and innocent love, and brought back into a right relationship with the Father by Jesus.

This Week's Scripture Texts

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 **Rules to Live By**

When the Lord gave his people the commandments he gave them a way to live together in harmony. In order to thrive in the Promised Land, Moses taught them how to live by God's will and his ways. The greatest of these commandments is to love the Lord with a singular devotion.

Psalm 119:1-8 **Walk in the Ways of the Lord**

The psalmist sang of the blessings for those who walk in the ways of the Lord. Those who seek him with their whole heart will be blessed and filled with happiness.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14 (15-22) **Jesus Secured Eternal Redemption**

The blood of Jesus Christ was shed so that all who believe in him will have eternal redemption. We are purified by his perfect sacrifice, forgiven, and rescued by our great high priest. There is a new covenant with God through Jesus' blood, and we are the recipients of his eternal promises of life in the presence of God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-37 **Son of David, Lord of David**

When asked about the most important commandment, Jesus responded with the call to trust God above all else and to love one's neighbor as yourself. He then replied by posing a question about the Messiah, asking how the Christ can be both the descendant of David and the Lord of David. (The unspoken answer is that Christ is both human and divine.) Once again, Jesus responded to a question of the Law with a truth of the Gospel.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: Green*
- *Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed in Ordinary Time.*
- *Use these lessons as an alternative to All Saints' Day.*
- *The Hebrew verb "ashar" is found throughout the psalms. There is a morning and noontime prayer that is used in Judaism (since the 4th century AD) called the "Ashrei." In English it says, "Happy are they who dwell in your house, they will praise you, always." (Psalm 145) This is the same verb used in today's psalm reading. When we walk in God's ways, we will be blessed.*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight	---	675	720	635	---	---
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	290	---	---	587	186	***
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	487	---	685	802	---	---
Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal	375	---	916	---	---	---
Once He Came in Blessing	312	---	333	---	---	---
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	356	---	---	658	197	***
O God Beyond All Praising	---	797	---	880	---	---
Nearer, My God, to Thee	---	---	---	---	255	***
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	***
O Living Bread From Heaven	197	---	642	542	---	---

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles:

Walking in Your Ways
(CCLI# 4668433)
Blessed
(CCLI# 3120381)
High Priest
(CCLI# 6122331)
Goodness of God
(CCLI# 7117726)
Love Like You
(CCLI# 7095596)

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