

Lent 2

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Jesus instructed his disciples and the crowd that gathered around him that to live as the Son of Man lives, they must be willing to suffer. If anyone thought they wanted to follow after him, they must be ready to deny themselves and take up the cross. The paradox of following Christ is that life is found in giving it up rather than holding onto it with a white-knuckled grip. This is the truth for all generations!



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 God’s Faithful Covenant

God made a covenant promise with Abram in his old age, and changed his name to Abraham. The promise attached to this covenant was that Abraham would be the father of many nations and the covenant would last for all succeeding generations.

Psalm 22:23-31 God Hears the Cries of the Afflicted

The psalmist proclaimed the steadfast love of God for the afflicted. Nothing goes unnoticed by the Lord, especially those who are in trouble or pain. The Lord never hides his face from those who need him. This is cause for praise and worship of the Lord Most High; it is fitting to tell all generations about his righteousness.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11 Reconciled to God

Paul explained to the Roman church that through the blood of Christ, those who believe have been made right with God and will live in peace with him. Because of this good news, we stand in faith, knowing that God’s grace has been poured upon us through the sacrificial love of Christ, who died so that we might live.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38 The Son of Man Must Suffer

Jesus asked his disciples who others think he is, and their answers included John the Baptist, Elijah or even another prophet. Jesus was more concerned with who the disciples thought he was, so he asked them the question. Peter stepped forward, confessing that Jesus is the Christ — but then just as quickly balked when Jesus explained that he must suffer, die, and on the third day rise again.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Purple
- Use the Apostles’ Creed
- Use the Kyrie during Lent. Omit the Hymn of Praise.
- Pray for those who are afflicted with pain, suffering, distress, and disease. God is the god of comfort and solace Who among you is held captive to their misery? Who in this world needs relief from trouble? (Psalm 22:24)
- In what ways do we, like Peter, reject the reality that following Christ means there will be suffering? In our modern world, do we ever equate our suffering with Jesus’ suffering? Or, do we simply look at it as an unfortunate reality of our human existence?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Christ, the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake	455	---	688	799	---	---
In the Cross of Christ I Glory	104	---	427	324	138	138
On Calvary, Where Jesus Died	---	---	---	---	---	web
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	---	---	---	335	140	140
The God of Abr’ham Praise	544	---	798	831	---	---
What Wondrous Love is This	385	---	543	666	254	254
Beautiful Savior	518	---	537	838	252	252
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup	---	706	638	492	---	---

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
Until the Day (CCLI# 5273607)
Spirit Lead Me (CCLI# 7111902)
Jesus, Name Above All Names (CCLI# 21291)
Sweet Suffering Christ (CCLI# 1720780)
How Deep the Father’s Love For Us (CCLI# 1558110)

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