Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Lent 2

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Second Sunday in Lent (Year C)



The overarching theme of the Scripture texts today point hearers to the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. This love can be trusted above all else, and yet sinful humanity more often chooses to reject God than to embrace him. Only those who have ears that are willing to hear and respond to Christ will know his tender love and sheltering presence. When we offer that same love to others, we imitate Christ.

This Week's Scripture Texts

First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15 — **Jeremiah Prophesies Against the City**

Jeremiah called the Israelites to repentance, warning them of the potential for disastrous consequences should the people not change their ways and live according to the will of God. With hardened hearts and ears unwilling to hear the truth about their sinful ways, the people rejected Jeremiah's prophesy and threatened his life.

Psalm 4 — **Put Your Trust in the Lord**

The psalmist cried out to God for deliverance from his enemies. So confident was he in the goodness of God, that while still in the midst of tribulation he declared that he would lie down and sleep in peace.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17—4:1 — **Imitate Christ**

The saints who gathered in Philippi were reminded that the good news of God's saving action in Jesus' death and resurrection is a word that changes us and transforms our daily lives. From now on, the Philippians were reminded that they were to no longer live as enemies of the cross, rather they have been called to live as those who in all ways are to imitate Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35 — **Jesus Laments for Jerusalem**

Jesus longed to gather the people to himself and grieved their refusal to hear his words and accept him. Using the image of a hen gathering her chicks, he gave the people an image of his tenderness, protectiveness, and nurturing love. At the same time, the weight of Jesus' grief is clearly seen as people refused to come to him.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- *The liturgical color is purple.*
- *The Kyrie may be used during Lent.*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed.*
- *St. Paul referred to those who are "enemies of the cross" in the Second Lesson for today. Consider starting a prayer list for those people who do not know Christ or who actively deny him. Encourage people to pray for these family members, friends, and neighbors daily, that the Holy Spirit would inspire faith in them.*
- *(Tie in with the Gospel lesson for children.) Hens actually "talk" to their chicks while they are still in the egg. The clucking sounds they make create a bond with the baby bird before it hatches.*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lord Jesus, Think on Me	309	---	610	599	178	178
In the Cross of Christ I Glory	104	---	427	324	138	138
O God, My Faithful God	504	---	696	806	238	238
Thy Holy Wings	---	741	---	613	76	76
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	325	---	708	750	---	---
Your Heart, O Lord, Is Grieved	96	---	945	602	---	---
Today Your Mercy Calls Us	304	---	915	---	---	web
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	487	---	685	802	---	---
O Bread of Life From Heaven	222	---	---	480	84	84

*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, and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles

At the Foot of the Cross
(CCLI# 90688)
I'd Rather Have Jesus
(CCLI# 16653)
Change My Heart O God
(CCLI# 1565)
I Will Follow
(CCLI# 5806878)
Amazing Love
(CCLI# 192553)

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