Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Lent 4

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Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B)



The reality of sin in human life brought on death, but that was not God's intention for the crowning glory of his creation. Through Jesus, God came to put an end to sin, death, and the power of the "sons of disobedience," as Paul put it. Thanks to Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, God's mercy has been given to all who believe. He has made us alive together with Christ, and we are saved by grace.

This Week's Scripture Texts

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9 — **Fiery Serpents**

The Israelites became impatient as they journeyed toward the Promised Land. They began speaking against God and Moses, their leader, complaining about a lack of decent food and water. The Lord's wrath was kindled and he sent fiery serpents that bit the people. Many became sick and died as a result of their distrust of God.

Psalm 107:1-9 — **Delivery From Destruction**

The psalmist recounted the Exodus story, recalling how God redeemed Israel from trouble in the wilderness. When they cried out to him, he delivered them from their distress. Let them thank the Lord, said the songwriter, for his wondrous works.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 — **Alive Together with Christ**

St. Paul preached that we who are sinners were once dead in that sin, but now we are alive together with Christ through the gift of his grace. This is not our own doing and nothing for us to boast about. It is not because of our good works, but only because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Still, we were made for good works and are commanded to walk in the way of the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21 — **Son of Man Will Be Lifted Up**

Jesus taught his followers that just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness to save the Israelites from death, so too must the Son of Man be lifted up. This lifting up of Jesus would occur on the cross of Calvary. All who believe in him are destined for life eternal. This is God's gift to those who love him.

Suggestions for the Day:

- *Liturgical Color: Purple*
- *Use the Apostles' Creed*
- *Use the Kyrie. Omit the Hymn of Praise.*
- *This Sunday is the halfway point in the Lenten season. From the Latin, it is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice." Easter is coming into sight as the long season of Lent begins to make its way to a close, and soon everything old will be made new again.*
- *How often does our negativity and complaining add to our despair? We often say, "It could be worse!" But does that change our attitude? What do we have to be grateful for as we continue the journey to the cross with Jesus?*

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lift High the Cross	377	---	837	660	269	269
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	482	---	425	803	132	132
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	107	---	---	338	142	142
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	439	---	770	742	223	223
What Wondrous Love is This	385	---	543	666	254	254
Amazing Grace	448	---	744	779	199	199
Healer of Our Every Ill	---	738	---	612	---	---
Beautiful Savior	518	---	537	838	252	252
Jesus, Remember Me	---	740	767	616	---	---
I Come, O Savior, to Your Table	213	---	618	---	---	---

*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

Lord, I Need You
(CCLI# 5925687)
In Christ Alone
(CCLI# 3350395)
No Longer Slaves
(CCLI# 3350395)
Your Grace is Enough
(CCLI# 4477026)
Ever Be
(CCLI# 7030065)

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