

Lent 5

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C)

Faith is something that is very fragile and can be easily broken. But faith is complete trust in God, the one who made a way for Israel when there was no way. This same God will make a way for you and me. There will be trials in life, of this we can count on. But we depend more so on the faithfulness of God who sent his only Son to save us from sin and death. God understands our frailty, but he never leaves us.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21**God Will Make a Way**

Isaiah spoke God's declaration to the Israelites saying that they are not to remember or be concerned about what has gone before. The God who brought them out of Egypt is in control. Instead of worrying, they are to take heart and rejoice in the new thing that God is doing.

Psalms 126**The Lord Has Done Great Things**

Israel prayed for God to restore the nation's fortunes, recalling the great delight that they experienced when God acted in the past on their behalf. Recalling God's former acts brings them hope in current distress.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:(4b-7), 8-14**Righteousness Depends on Faith**

Paul told the Philippians that nothing can compare to the immeasurable worth of knowing Jesus and sharing in his resurrection. This treasure spurred Paul to press on and remain faithful, trusting in Christ, even in the midst of imprisonment and loss. He encouraged the Philippians to do likewise, to imitate his persistent faithfulness in the one who makes us righteous.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:9-20**Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

Using a parable about tenants who reject and beat the messengers sent by their landlord, Jesus indirectly chastised the scribes and the chief priests for their failure to recognize him as the Son of God and listen to him. They were incensed by his criticism and plotted to find a way to turn him over to the governor.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- The liturgical color is purple.
- The Kyrie may be used in Lent.
- Use the Apostles' Creed.
- If you advertise Easter Services in the local newspaper or radio you might consider contacting those sources this week to ensure you make the deadlines.
- Put a message in your bulletin for this week reminding disciples that we are called to love, even when that love is not returned. Jesus loved all people and yet many turned away from him, scorned and beat him, and crucified him like a common criminal. We are called to love because we are loved by Christ – not so others will return our love.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	482	---	425	803	132	132
My Song is Love Unknown	94	661	430	343	---	---
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	107	---	---	338	142	142
In the Cross of Christ I Glory	104	---	427	324	138	138
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed	98	---	437	337	143	143
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	135
Christ the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
The Old Rugged Cross (public domain)	---	---	---	---	139	139
Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing	259	924	545	54	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS = 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:

Jesus Messiah
(CCLI# 5183443)
What Wondrous Love is This
(CCLI# 197297)
Lead Me to the Cross
(CCLI# 4785829)
You Are My King
(CCLI# 2456623)
Shout to the Lord
(CCLI# 1406918)

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