

Lent 5

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year B)

A new covenant between God and his people came through Jesus Christ, who will reign as king and high priest forever. Jesus reminded his followers that to be a part of this new covenant is to be slave of all and servant of all, for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to be the one to serve others. His life, death, and resurrection are his “ransom” in exchange for the lives of his beloved children who believe.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 A New Covenant

God declared that a new day was coming when he would make a new covenant with Israel and Judah, a covenant unlike the one made with the patriarchs of the faith and the slaves of Egypt. The first covenant was broken by a disobedient people who refused to obey God’s law. This covenant will be written on the hearts of the people.

Psalm 119:9-16 I Delight in Your Word

I delight in your statutes, said the psalmist. He vowed to meditate on God’s ways and learn his statutes. He promised to seek the Lord with his whole heart and continue to abide in his commandments.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10 Our Great High Priest

Those who were appointed as high priests in Israel still had to make sin offerings for their own sins as well as for the sins of others in the community. Jesus, who was perfect, was designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek — both king and priest. His offering was made through prayers and supplication while on earth. His final sacrifice of his life granted us eternal life.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45 Will You Do Something for Us?

As Jesus predicted his death a third time to his disciples, two disciples asked for places of honor once he was on the throne. “You have no idea what you are asking,” Jesus responded to their request. They thought they could handle what was about to happen, but Jesus knew how ill prepared they actually were.

- Suggestions for the Day:**
- Liturgical Color: Purple
 - Use the Apostles’ Creed.
 - Use the Kyrie. Omit the Hymn of Praise.
 - Feel free to use any of the Sola clip art or picture art with Scripture verses for Easter advertisements — even on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. Your subscription grants you permission to use this artwork on bulletins, fliers, media, or social media.
 - Thinking of James and John: What favors do we ask of Jesus? Are they for our own glory or for his?
 - What is the New Covenant that Jesus brought to God’s people? How do we participate in that each Sunday?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	---
Create in Me a Clean Heart	---	732	956	188	179	179
Christ, the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
Glory Be to Jesus	95	---	433	---	136	136
Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	559	---	528	886	30	30
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	---	780	---	774	208	208
The Old Rugged Cross	---	---	---	---	139	139
Jesus, the Very Thought of You	316	---	---	---	---	web

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**
- Create in Me a Clean Heart (CCLI# 96927)
 - High Priest (CCLI# 6122331)
 - Fill My Cup, Lord (CCLI# 15946)
 - More and More of You (CCLI# 7045691)
 - Ancient Words (CCLI# 2986399)

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