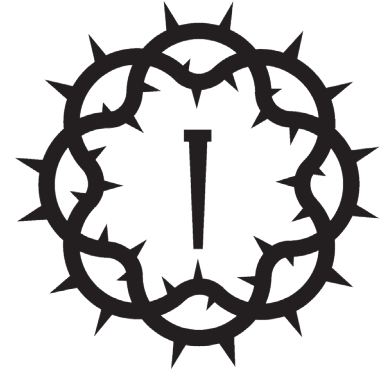


Lent 1

February 14, 2027

First Sunday in Lent (Year B)

We often read Genesis 22 with stunned silence and bewilderment. Would God really demand Abraham offer his child as a burnt sacrifice? In faith, Abraham spoke the truest words he could, even though he had no idea that it would be the truth for that day, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." This epic story foreshadows what God would do on the cross of Calvary many years later.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18**Will You Sacrifice Your Son?**

God instructed Abraham to take his son, Isaac, to the mountain of Moriah and offer him as a burnt offering to the Lord. Abraham dutifully complied. He made the journey, prepared the altar, and took Isaac to it. Unbeknownst to Isaac, the boy himself was to be the lamb for the burnt offering. At the last second, God provided a ram for the sacrifice.

Psalm 25:1-10**I Lift Up My Soul**

The psalmist proclaimed his full trust in the Lord, saying it was to him and him alone that he lifted up his soul. Those who wait for the Lord will not be put to shame. Our waiting for God to act is never in vain; we simply are not privy to God's plans even though we trust in him for our salvation and steadfast love.

James 1:12-18**The Crown of Life**

St. James reminded his readers that it is a great blessing to withstand trials for the faith. When a person holds fast amid trials, he or she will receive the crown of life. This is the promise of the Lord of love. God is not a tempter — he brings us forth through trials with truth and encouragement.

Mark 1:9-15**Baptism and Temptation**

As soon as Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, the Spirit drove him into the wilderness — that place of trial and temptation, and even death. Angels tended to him and animals kept him company. Immediately following this, he began his public ministry; meanwhile, John was arrested and put in jail for his preaching.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Purple
- Use the Kyrie
- Use the Apostles' Creed

Themes of trials and temptations pervade the Scripture readings for this First Sunday in Lent. How often do we think that God is behind all of the trials we face? Yet James reminds us of the blessing that comes along with withstanding trials: the very crown of life, given to us by the one who withstood severe trials and death. We are in good company when it comes to being tried in our faith. We have the assurance that Christ is always with us and that he went there before us and knows what we are going through.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lord Jesus, Think on Me	309	---	610	599	178	178
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	345	---	524	620	195	195
Awake, O Sleeper	---	745	697	452	---	---
In the Cross of Christ I Glory	104	---	427	324	138	138
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	107	---	---	338	142	142
Christ, the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	333	---	722	767	249	249
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
God the Father, Be Our Stay	308	---	505	---	---	---
Now the Silence	205	---	910	460	---	---

*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

Jesus, Son of God
(CCLI# 6223539)
O Come to the Altar
(CCLI# 7051511)
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
(CCLI# 4768151)
Trading My Sorrows
(CCLI# 257465)
Oh God
(CCLI# 6534493)

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