

Historic Lessons for the 2nd Sunday in Lent ✠ *Reminiscere* Sunday

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:20-25 NIV "Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. 21 Declare what is to be, present it - let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me. 22 "Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 By Myself I have sworn, My Mouth has uttered in all integrity a Word that will not be revoked: Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear. 24 They will say of Me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against Him will come to Him and be put to shame. 25 But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 4:1-7 Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the LORD Jesus to do this more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the LORD Jesus. 3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The LORD will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "LORD, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So His disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before Him. "LORD, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, LORD," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 8:31-38 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind Me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." 34 Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of Me and My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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**5. *Of as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.***

**6. *Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and Louder
Praise the precious Blood!***

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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February 25th, 2018 ✧ Lent-2 - Temptations; Persistence

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or red hymnal at **p.5 & ff.**

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Invocation Hymn	536 (6v)	Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun
<i>Psalm 91</i>	-91- "3v"	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	346 (6v)	Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	158 (6v)	<i>Sing v.5-6 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its...</i>
Third Hymn	354 (4v)	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Closing Hymn	145 (5v)	Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Numbers 14:1-45	Num. 16:1-22	Num. 16:23-50	Num. 17:1-13	Num. 20:1-29	Nu 21:1-22:1
Luke 13:1-17	Luke 14:25-35	Luke 15:11-32	Luke 16:10-18	Luke 17:1-10	Luke 18:1-8

PROPERs for REMINISCERE SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY in LENT) ✧ ✧ FEB. 25TH

INTROIT Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindness, for they have been ever of old. Let not my enemies triumph over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles! To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed. ...from Psalm 25

GLORIA (SUBSTITUTE) VERSES *Glory Be to Jesus ELH #158 verses 3&4*

3. Blest through endless ages <i>Be the precious Stream</i> <i>Which from endless torments</i> <i>Did the world redeem!</i>	4. Abel's blood for vengeance <i>Pleaded to the skies;</i> <i>But the Blood of Jesus</i> <i>For our pardon cries. A-men.</i>
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COLLECT O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives... **C: A—men.**

GRADUAL c: The troubles of my heart are enlarged. Bring me out of my distresses. Look upon my affliction and my pain, and forgive me all my sins. ...from Psalm 123

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

OT **Isaiah 45:20-25** "I AM the LORD your God" & there is none other.
Ep. **I Thessalonians 4:1-7** (1 & Only Holy) God called us to live a holy life.
Go. **Matthew 15:21-28** Jesus tests & heals Canaanite woman's daughter.

Psalm 91 REFRAIN BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. **C:** ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths.	Sad but faithful!
Jim & Elma Hendricks	LORD's will be done. Both at home.	Jim's BP spikes
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing	
Jon Sawyer (Andrea)	Jon back home from tests at TGH. Now care plan.	Stone
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian was in and out of hospital this week. Not heart(?)	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Delores & Jim at home. Both doing rehab	
June Weyenberg	June out of (LRMC) hospital and in ??? rehab (knee surgery)	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Ilene & Alex Gourley	Bev & Don Wienke
Treaters/Wed	Ladies' Pies! / Italian	Volunteer / Volunteer

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance/ L.S. / Wed .	24 / 21 / 12	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance Sun/Wed	8 / 10!	8 / 8
Sunday Offering for LORD Sun/W	\$/ \$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today Sunday 25th	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 13 JC, Whose Kin We Are
Reminiscere Sun	9:30 am	Divine Worship (No Holy Communion)
2nd Sunday in Lent	11:00 am	Fellowship, Coffee ... Please stay & talk
Wednesday 2/28	4:30, 5:15, 6	Lent2-W Vespers; 5:15 Spag; 6 Bible Study
Next Sunday 3/4	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 13 JC, Whose Kin We Are
Oculi Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion)
3rd Sunday in Lent	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk

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February 25 ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



Immediately after its reorganization in 1918, the ELS found its fellowship with the congregations and synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference. The former Norwegian Synod had helped to organize the conference in 1872. The ELS continued in the Synodical Conference until 1963 when it withdrew because of doctrinal concerns. The conference was dissolved four years later.

✧ Basket for special **FLWMS Florida Womens' Missions** is placed at rear of church these two Sundays. Any free-will offerings will be taken to the **FLWMS Rally 3/10.**

Wednesday 2/28 **Midweek-Lent2W (ELH p.120) ELH #s 523 270 (N.D.) 587**
Next Sunday 3/4 **Lent3 (W/ LS p.15) # 32 (154; Ps.91) 263 154,4-5 151 354**

LENT2-B REMINISCERE Mark 8:31-38 "CHRIST W/O A CROSS?!" 02.25.18 OSL

INTRODUCTION

"Who do you say that I am?" That's the question Jesus posed to His disciples in Caesarea Philippi, and that's the question He poses to you here this morning. **Who do YOU say that I am?**

WHO IS HE?!

The answer to that question reveals what we believe about this Jesus. You can't be neutral when it comes to Jesus. That's why His Name creates the fuss that it does. This is no **benign, take it or leave it** sort of name. You have to come to some kind of answer, one way or another.

JOHNB People had their opinions about Jesus. Some thought he was **John the Baptizer come back to life**. John had been killed, beheaded in Herod's prison. John cut a pretty impressive figure as a man of God. And so one of the rumors in the streets was that he had come back, that Jesus was John the Baptizer. That, of course, was wrong. Jesus and John were cousins; John was the forerunner, the preparer, whose baptism pointed to Jesus and revealed Him to Israel.

ELIJAH? Some said that Jesus was the **prophet Elijah**. Elijah had disappeared with fiery chariots and horsemen. The prophet **Malachi said** that Elijah would come before the Lord appears. So maybe Jesus was Elijah. Or another one of the prophets, perhaps. **A holy man of God** sent to preach God's Word.

NOPE

They are all nice and respectful, but they all **fall short of the truth**. We have the same sort of thing today when people are confronted with the **Jesus question**, **"Who do you say that I am?"** The tendency is to try to say something **nice**. He's a great **teacher**, an **inspiration**, a **moral example**, a wise **philosopher**, a **miracle** worker, a holy man. And again, all fall short of the truth.

U R THE CHRIST

Peter, always the first to speak up, speaks the truth. **"You are the Christ."** Mark delivers the short version here. **When you've said, "Christ," you've said it all.** "Christ" means **Anointed One**; the Hebrew word is **Mashiuch, Messiah**. Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One prophesied in the OT and anticipated by the people. Everyone was waiting for the arrival of the Messiah.

GET-IT?

Did Peter understand the implications of what he was saying? Apparently not. The average man on the street believed that Messiah would be a kind of military, political, religious figure all wrapped up into one. He would be someone who would restore nation status to Israel, drive out Roman rule, re-establish the throne of King David. He would purify the temple and drive out the foreign occupation and establish the kingdom of God.

I OBJECT!

It's not surprising then, that Peter objects violently when Jesus begins to talk of His **death and resurrection**, that *"the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes – the religious authorities and leaders, and be killed, and after three days rise again."* This was the **last thing anyone** of Jesus' day expected of the Messiah, that he be killed and raised to life again. That's not how it was supposed to work. Respectable Messiahs don't get themselves crucified.

EXPECTATIONS

We're confronted here with our own expectations. **What is it, exactly, that we expect from Jesus?** Oh, we're certainly beyond the

Messianic expectations of Peter and the others who were waiting for the revolution to begin. **Or are we? I'm not always sure.** Do we expect Jesus to fix everything that's wrong, whether in the world or in our own personal lives? Do we expect Him to exert power and muscle on our behalf? Do we expect Him to **punish the bad guys and reward the good guys** and give us those key positions we deserve?

LOWER EXPECTATIONS

Perhaps you've experienced this in some fashion – someone did not live up to your expectations. You finally get to meet that author you admire, or that celebrity or musician or sports figure, and **they're not what you expected them to be**. You had a picture in your own mind of what that person was supposed to be like, and when you finally meet them face to face, you're disappointed. They weren't what you expected.

EXPECTATIONS OF GOD

We have expectations about God too. We expect Him to be responsive to our needs, to hear our prayers, to act for our blessing. And then God does something or He doesn't do something, and our expectations are shattered and we're disappointed. Some give up on God; some just trade Him in for a newer model.

REBUKE

Peter pulled Jesus aside and rebuked Him. Imagine that, the disciple rebuking the Master! I'm sure Peter thought he was doing good, waking Jesus up to smell the messianic coffee. *"That's not how it's supposed to go, Jesus. I didn't leave the fishing business for You to get crucified. You're a winner, Jesus. Don't talk like a loser. You're a winner, and we want to be winners with You in Your Kingdom. So let's forget about this dying and rising business and get about the business of kingdom building. You've got a throne to establish and we're here to help you. So no more of this grim dying and rising talk – it's a downer, it's not inspiring, it'll freak people out."*

WINNER/LOSER

I embellish, but I imagine that's likely what was going through Peter's mind. To be the Messiah, **the Christ, is to be a winner**, God's chosen, anointed One. There's no place for crosses and crucifixions in that scheme. But Jesus identifies it as the devil's scheme, not God's plan. **"Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men."**

SO BOLD, BUT SO WRONG!

Peter – so bold, so sincere, so wrong. It's the devil who wants a cross-less Christ, a bloodless, body-less, spiritualized Christ. That's what the devil wants. A feel good, don't worry, be happy Christ. An all's well with the world, smile, God loves you Christ. That's the devil's christ. Jesus has to exorcize this notion from Peter, and also from us too. There's no getting between Jesus and His Good Friday appointment. If you try, as Peter did, you will find yourself on the side of Satan and not of God.

REBUKE

Peter deserved that rebuke, and so does the Church today when it tries to **push a bloodLESS Gospel** and calls it "good news." So many of the Lenten hymns tend to be **bloody, almost gory, at times**. And maybe I'm hypersensitive to it (this year, even more than in the past). Perhaps I hear too much of the world's commentary and criticism of what we as Christians believe. **Two familiar examples:**

1. *Glory be to Jesus, - Who in bitter pains,
Poured for me the LifeBlood, - From His sacred Veins."*

2. *Then, for all that wrought my pardon, - For they sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, - I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for they groaning, sighing, - For They bleeding and They dying,
For that last triumphant cry, - And shall praise thee, Lord on high.*

GROSS! The world listens on and thinks, "That's sick, gross, macabre." What kind of religion is this that **extols a bloody Cross**, that worships a guy who was crucified, that sings hymns to His blood? What kind of "spirituality" is that, that makes me feel bad about myself and that glories in the suffering of another? That's what they're asking on the streets, you know. And maybe some of you are asking the same thing.

YOU'RE IN IT TOO Jesus called the **crowd in close** with His disciples to let them in on the **little secret**. The cross is theirs too. "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his Cross, and follow Me." If you try to save your life, you'll lose it; if you lose it for Jesus' sake, you save it for eternity. What profit is there if you gain the whole world and forfeit your life? The Cross marks the disciple too. If we're ashamed of Jesus and His Cross now in our own sinful and adulterous generation, we will be nothing but **an embarrassment to Him** on the Day of His glory.

CONCLUSION

The **real shame** needs to be **our sin**, what drove Jesus to Calvary to save us. Not the cross of Jesus. That is Jesus' glory as it appears in this world, and it is the glory of all who are Baptized into the death of Jesus. Ashamed of Jesus? **No!** That's your **Savior**. Embarrassed of His Cross? **No!** That's your **Salvation**.

(I'm reminded of today's **Sermon** hymn of my childhood) by Joseph Grigg:

1. *Jesus, and shall it ever be, A mortal man, ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise, Whose glories shine through endless days?*
2. *Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far - Let evening blush to own a star!
He sheds the beams of light divine - O'er this benighted soul of mine.*
3. *Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon - Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
"Tis midnight with my soul till He, - Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.*
4. *Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend - On Whom my hopes of Heav'n depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame, - That I no more revere His Name.*
5. *Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may - When I've no guilt to wash away;
No tear to wipe, no good to crave, - No fears to quell, no soul to save.*
6. *Till then – nor is my boasting vain! - Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And O may this my glory be, - That Christ is not ashamed of me!*

(The Lutheran Hymnal #346) *In THAT Jesus' Name, Amen. SDG*

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL 
Lent-2 *Reminiscere* ✦ *Temptations of the Flesh*
Remember Me, Lord 🕊 February 25th, 2018 ✦ 9:30 am

Possible Prayer of Church for Reminiscere (Lent-2) Sunday, February 25th 2018

Let us pray to God, crying out for His mercy, confident that our Father hears our prayers because the Son of Man suffered, died and was raised for us. (Brief silence)

Our Father in Heaven, continue to establish Your saving covenant with us as You did with Abraham, that we who surely deserve nothing from You may rely on You for everything. While we were still Your enemies, at the right time You gave Your Son to die for us. Grant us repentant hearts and faith that rejoices that His death has reconciled us to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Our Father in Heaven, look with Your kindness upon all who hold public office in our land. Fill them with Your wisdom, give them both courage and compassion, and make them a blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Our Father in Heaven, be with those who pass through difficult times and know sickness or heartache, loneliness or despair [*including **OSL Prayer List***].

Sue Smith (Bev Foster) Sue battling pancreas & liver growths. Sad but faithful!
Jim & Elma Hendricks LORD's will be done. Both at home. Jim's BP spikes
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing
Jon Sawyer (Andrea) Jon back home from tests at TGH. Now care plan. Stone
Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian was in and out of hospital this week. Not heart(?)
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Delores & Jim at home. Both doing rehab
June Weyenberg June out of (LRMC) hospital and in rehab (knee surgery)

Heal each one as You know best. By Your gracious working, let those sufferings produce endurance in us, let endurance produce character, and let character produce the hope that is never ashamed because You have poured Your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Provide for those who lack money, home or the necessities of life. In every time of testing, teach Your children to hold tightly to You in faith, that in the end they may know the comfort of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Our Father in Heaven, You know the many temptations with which the world would snare us and draw us away from trust in You. Set our minds not on the things of man but on the things of God. Grant each of us a faith that confesses with joy that Jesus is the Christ. And also give us faith to daily deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him. Pour out Your Spirit on those who proclaim Jesus here and throughout the world. Bring those who do not know or trust His love also to believe and rejoice in the reconciliation our Savior accomplished for all by His blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Our Father in Heaven, Your Son promises deliverance from evil. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Bring us with all Your saints to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord's Prayer**