

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (ESV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces

hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and

said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the

gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Romans 5:1–11

Mark 8:27–38

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him, and to make him “*the father of a multitude of nations.*” It is “*an everlasting covenant*” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “*throughout their generations*” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things, He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our mind “*on the things of God,*” and not “*on the things of man*” (Mark 8:33). “*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “*reconciled to God by the death of His Son,*” much more “*shall we be saved by His life*” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

Next Week’s Readings from God’s Word:

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 (v.8); 1 Corinthians 1 :18-31; John 2:13-22 (23-25)

Concordia Lutheran Seminary will hold its free Spring Quest Course on “The History of the Bible: From Manuscripts to Modern Translations” online via Zoom from March 2-23, 2021.

Serving as guest instructor for the course is Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kloha, who serves as Chief Curator at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.

“‘Love the Lord, your God’ and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself,’ are the most-repeated passages in the Bible,” promotional material for the course explains. “They have been memorized, copied, recited, translated, and live out for more than 3,000 years. But how was that passage—indeed the entire Bible—handed down to us? These sessions will describe the fascinating journey of the Bible, from prophets and apostles to manuscripts and modern translations. Featured will be manuscripts and artifacts from the collections and exhibits of the Museum of the Bible.”

Classes will be broadcast online at 7:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) every Tuesday from March 2 to March 23, 2021. There is no need to register for this free course. Updated links to take part will be posted on the seminary’s Facebook and page and website (www.concordiasem.ab.ca) each day there is a class.

Sessions will include:

MARCH 2, 2021

- Session 1 – What is the Bible?
- Session 2 – The Hebrew Bible: The Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms

MARCH 9, 2021

- Session 3 – The Formation of the New Testament: The Apostles and the Gospel Message
- Session 4 – Copying the Bible (before there was cut-and-paste)

MARCH 16, 2021

- Session 5 – Let there be Light: Luther, Tyndale, and the King James Bible
- Session 6 – Modern Translations: Bibles for All

MARCH 23, 2021

- Session 7 – Tour of the Museum of the Bible Part 1
- Session 8 – Tour of the Museum of the Bible Part 2

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

INTROIT

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; Antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love.

for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love.

for they have been from of old.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *O God,*

You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

By Your mighty power

defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body

and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

G *♪[Amen]♪*

GRADUAL

Hebrew 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

VERSE

Mark 8:34b

If anyone would come after me,

let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

After each petition: **P** *Lord, in Your mercy,*

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hear our prayer.