

About the Second Sunday in Lent  
Theme: The Prophets Rejected  
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

The LORD's people did not want to hear the LORD's words. (Jeremiah) Unsettled by the message, they threatened the messenger with death. Yet Jeremiah had but opened his mouth to speak all the words of the LORD in their hearing; he was the LORD's prophet. Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. (Philippians) Their mind is on earthly things, while the citizenship of the faithful is in heaven. The Lord Jesus at His return will set all things straight; therefore we do not flinch in the face of opposition. Christ Himself when threatened did not turn aside from His saving mission. (Luke) Compassion and care for His enemies were the consistent themes of His redeeming love.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

<b>Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 26:8-15 Why were the people upset with Jeremiah? To whom did they take their complaint? What sentence did they prescribe? How did Jeremiah react? How is this situation Jesus-like? What resulted from Jeremiah's testimony? What resulted from Jesus' testimony? What does this mean?
<b>Monday</b>	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Where did St. Paul get the pattern of living he exemplified to the Philippians? How is it that some who claim to follow Christ are actually His enemies? What is their "god?" Where is your citizenship? What does this mean? What glorious end outcome awaits all the faithful? How does this connect with how we live right now? What things need changing in your life now? How is this done?
<b>Tuesday</b>	Luke 13:31-35 Why was Jesus determined to go to Jerusalem? How frequently had Jesus attempted to gather Jerusalem together? When? How does this statement clearly show His divinity? When was Jesus welcomed as "He who comes in the name of the Lord?" When do we welcome Him in the same way in the midst of the assembled congregation? When will we welcome Him face to face? What does this mean?
<b>Wednesday</b>	Psalms 4 What is the psalmist asking God for? (v. 1) Why is God upset with idolaters? (v. 2) How can you keep anger from spilling over into sin? What is the ultimate joy of all the faithful? What is the key to restful sleep? How is this done?
<b>Thursday</b>	Ezekiel 33:7-20 What is the problem with prophets who refuse to speak bad news to the wicked: for the wicked? For the prophet? What is therefore simply required of the prophet? Who is called to publicly speak God's Word to us today? What does this mean?
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 What unique blessings did God give to the Israelites in the Sinai wilderness? What happened to them nonetheless? Why? What lesson can we learn from this? Why are idolatry and sexual immorality particularly disastrous to the people of God? What examples of both are prevalent in our society today? What is the responsibility of the baptized faithful in such surroundings? How is this done?
<b>Saturday</b>	Luke 13:1-9 Do disasters happen only to sinners? What is the continuing responsibility of every faithful Christian? What was the man in the parable of Jesus looking for? What is God looking for in our lives? What did the man in the parable decide to do with his unproductive fig tree? How did the gardener plan to make it productive? What does God do to make His faithful people productive? How is He doing that in your life? What does this mean?

Jeremiah 26:8-15 (p. 654)      the prophet Jeremiah rejected  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (p. 981)      *our citizenship is in heaven*  
Luke 13:31-35 (p. 873)      Jesus faces rejection in Jerusalem