

WEEK 2: JIM CROW ERA

ROSA YOUNG

Scripture - Deuteronomy 30:9b; 20

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Summary



Rosa Young was a Black Women whose strength and determination helped her spread the development of Black Lutheranism in the South during the beginning of the 20th Century. This was in a time that Black Americans faced very harsh racial restrictions.

She resided in Alabama and operated a school for Black American Children. Seeking financial assistance, she wrote a letter to the Lutheran Synodical Conference asking for help. To her surprise being Methodist, the Lutheran Synodical Conference responded and supported the school. They not only

supported the school monetarily, but they sent Lutheran pastors to the area to start Lutheran Congregations.

Rosa was committed to lifting up Black people in rural Alabama through education. She was responsible for becoming the driving force behind new Black Lutheran congregations and parish schools across the county. By 1927 there were 29 Black Lutheran congregations and preaching points in the area, and 27-day schools. During this period Wilcox County was the fastest-growing area of Lutheranism in the United States.

Song Recommendations

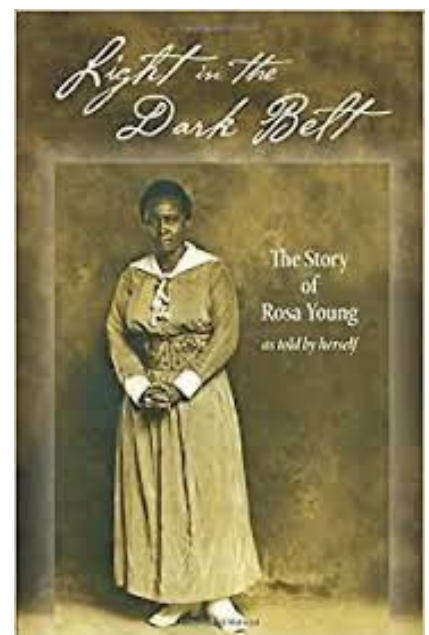
- Lift Every Voice and Sing - Hymn#296 (Appropriate Anytime)

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- Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Hymn#193
- We Come This Far by Faith - Hymn#197
- Blessed Assurance - Hymn#118



Teacher Rosa Young started some 30 schools in the rural south in the early 1900s.



Petition for prayers of the people

Weekly Prayer (for individuals, small groups or the prayer of the day...write yourself or use this one)

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
shape us as your people, a people of your justice and freedom. That we may magnify and glorify
your holy name.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our
Savior, **Amen.**

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

Rosa Young additional information:

- **Article** - (<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/02/the-mother-of-black-lutheranism-in-america/>)
- **Video** - Rosa Young - Hero of the Faith YouTube - Concordia Publishing House
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjH2rHMtr38AhVQD1kFHQwgDQIQwqsBegQIMBAF&url=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry1Hc0jOoRo&usg=AOvVaw1Cw9r4QynZfKeASaO9DmLV>
- **Book** - Light in the Dark Belt by Rosa Young published in 1930
- **Children's Literature** - Rosa Young (Hero of Faith) (ages 9 - 12) by Christine S. Weerts