

JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH – MIDWEEK LENT SEASON 2022

Genesis means “the origin or beginning of something.” The meaning of this word certainly holds true with Scripture, as the Book of Genesis takes us all the way back to the beginning of how everything came to be. From the stars, skies, seas, creatures, plants, and trees, to the crown of the Lord’s creation with humanity and soon after their fall into sin, we get a clear origin of who we are, why the world is the way it is now, and what the Lord has promised to do to redeem it and His people. From the very first promise of a Savior, a new beginning, which would come through Jesus Christ, was established.

Along the way through the Old Testament, and here in the Book of Genesis, we get a foreshadowing of our Savior’s redemptive work through the people the Lord would use to fulfill His mission and purposes.

Throughout this Lenten time, we will journey with Joseph in Genesis, and through his experiences we will be brought to the cross of Christ. We will see how like Joseph, Jesus will be rejected, abused, yet also ultimately raised up. Like Joseph providing food for the nations, Jesus provides nourishment for those spiritually starving. Like Joseph forgiving his brothers, Jesus will bring forgiveness and reconciliation for the world. But unlike Joseph, Jesus will journey to the cross carrying the sins of the world.

As we begin the Lenten Midweek Season this week, “The Genesis of Joseph,” we learn of God remembering Rachel as Joseph’s life began. Even as we with ashes remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return, we are affirmed in hope that God has remembered us in Jesus, His one and only Son.

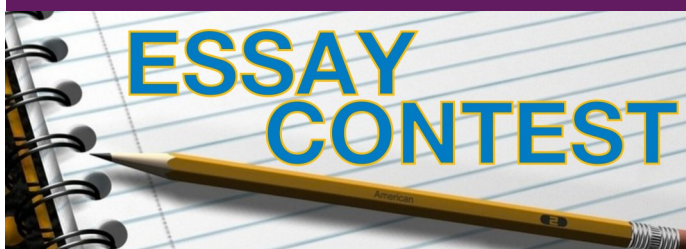
Ash Wed	March 2	“The Genesis of Joseph”	Genesis 30:22-24	
Lent 2	March 9	“A Wondrous Silence”	Genesis 37:12-36	Luke 22:14-30
Lent 3	March 16	“A Miracle of Miracles”	Genesis 39:1-21	Luke 22:31-51
Lent 4	March 23	“Wait for the Lord”	Genesis 41:9-16, 25-44	Luke 22:52-71
Lent 5	March 30	“Guilty Consciences”	Genesis 42:6-2	Luke 23:1-25
Lent 6	April 6	“God Does Have a Plan”	Genesis 45:1-15	Luke 23:26-47
Good Friday		“Forgiveness Finished”	Genesis 50:15-21	John 19:30

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join us at Holy Cross from **8-9am each Tuesday** as we watch and discuss the "7 Challenges Men Encounter." We meet in the Gamma classroom across from the Kitchen.

ESSAY CONTEST



The Lutherans For Life essay contest is for students in grades 6-12. Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: Blessed For Life with the Bible verse: **"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies."** *Psalm 41:2*. (Consider being blessed with the gift of life, blessed by God for one's entire life or blessed to be a blessing to others.) View the PDF for more information. <https://bit.ly/3H45EH27>

SABINA MOVIE VIEWING

Please join us to watch the Voice of the Martyrs movie "Sabina. Tortured for Christ". It takes place during the Nazi years. We will meet at the home of Rich and Buffy Mobroten on **March 11th at 6:00 pm**. Beverages and munchies will be served. Sign up today! Seating for 25.



CAMP OMEGA PLUNGE



The Youth Group participated in the Camp Omega Plunge at Morrystown Community Center. Their team name was "Freezin' For A Reason" and they raised over \$3,600. The event in total raised \$33,285 for the new family center at Camp Omega, with a total of 103 participants! This year new records were set as well - with two teams raising over \$7,000, nine teams raising \$2,000-\$3,000, nine new teams participating, and 60 new plungers! See more photos and a video of the jumpers on our [website](#).

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Soup Suppers will continue for the month of March. You can get involved by providing soup, other main meal items or dessert. Signup sheets are posted in the Commons. Setup help will be needed Wednesdays at 5:30pm. A supper will be served each **Wednesday at 6:00 pm** through April 6th. See Pam Hunter with any questions.



SEASON OF LENT SERVICE SCRIPTURES & THEMES

LENT I — MARCH 6, 2022**Scripture:****Deuteronomy 26:1–11**

(God's people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt into the land of promise.)

Romans 10:8b–13

(The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)

Luke 4:1–13

(Our Lord is tempted in the wilderness by Satan.)

Theme:

The First Sunday in Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Alone in the wilderness, Jesus faces the temptations of the devil, who tries to use God's own Word to entrap Jesus. The collect reminds us that we are also walking through the wilderness of this world, taunted and tempted by the devil, who still uses God's Word to entrap us. Jesus does not simply show us how to resist but reveals that our strength lies in the same Word of God. In Christ, we stand strong against the wiles of the devil and, when and if we fall, we find refuge in Christ to be forgiven and restored.

LENT II — MARCH 13, 2022**Scripture:****Jeremiah 26:8–15**

(The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)

Philippians 3:17–4:1

(Paul laments those who lose their faith and become enemies of the Gospel.)

Luke 13:31–35

(Jesus would gather His people like a hen gathers her chicks.)

Theme:

The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet's story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord's invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.

LENT III — MARCH 20, 2022**Scripture:****Ezekiel 33:7–20**

(The Lord seeks not the death of the sinner but that he turn from his wickedness and live.)

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

(God is faithful; He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability.)

Luke 13:1–9

(Unless you repent, you also will perish.)

Theme:

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

LENT IV — MARCH 27, 2022**Scripture:****Isaiah 12:1–6**

(Surely God is my Savior.)

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

(If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

(My son was dead and now he is alive again. The prodigal son.)

Theme:

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org. Check-out LHM's daily devotions too.

March 6

"One Thing Needful"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Bible is not a Magic 8-ball; it's a portal into a new world. (Luke 10: 38-42)

March 13

"No Room for Demons"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?" (Luke 11:14-28)

March 20

"Everything I Have Is Yours"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good. (Luke 15:1-32)

March 27

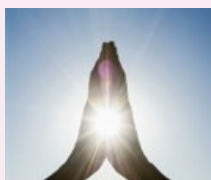
"What Shall We Do?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Why Easter is a story of redemption and not revenge. (Acts 2:22-36)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please email all weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to the office at megan@holycross-pl.org.



2 MINUTE MULTIPLIER



A weekday 2-minute devotion that helps you see Jesus at work in your world.

Yum

We start working with nine Christian entrepreneurs next Monday. Equipping them to build, fund, and launch their passion into a venture that helps people. Our partner org wanted to get them their workbooks in advance. My colleague graciously agreed to meet me halfway from Austin for the hand-off.

I chose a bbq joint. Had never heard of it. Driven by 100's of times. A small shack with no sign of any size. Google said it's worth the visit. The exchange was to take all of five minutes. I arrived five minutes early. Texted I was in a white car near the street. So he could find me easily when he pulled in.

Out he strolled from the building with a bbq sandwich in hand. "I didn't know you had time for lunch," I said. "I don't. Gonna eat as I drive. Just couldn't pass it up."

BBQ has that affect on some people. Can't resist. I find many feel the same way when they get to know Jesus. When they discover His unconditional love and forgiveness. When they realize that the One who created them also rescued them. When a Diving Light Bulb clicks on and their view in the mirror gets replaced with God's view of them. His child. Forever. Daily disobedient. Constantly falling short of Divine standards. Guilty as all get out. Sometimes pretending not. Always knowing the truth deep down. With a nature as broken as a glass dropped on the patio. Unfixable by you or me. But not held accountable. Not found guilty. Not ignored or overlooked. Never cast out. Or aside. Always loved. Always wanted. Always welcome to eat at the Father's table. In His kitchen. Wrapped up with those incredible aromas that make your lungs fill up and your shoulders relax. Simply irresistible. Can't pass up that type of God.

Did I grab a sandwich before getting back in the car? I had downed a protein shake on the way there. Heavy sigh.

Rev. Bill Woolsey

President and Founder

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March 2022



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