

**Third Midweek in Lent  
A Lenten Journey with Joseph  
Compline**

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*\* Please turn off cellphones \**

Our Lenten theme for 2022 will be:

**A Lenten Journey with Joseph!**

I was so taken with this idea and of how we are brought to the intersection of the patriarch Joseph's life to Jesus' life with our lives that I wanted to share this with you!

It is written by Rev. Michael W. Henrichs, STM, pastor Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, WI. (*It comes from Concordia Pulpit Resources, volume 32, Part 2 March 6- June 5, 2022 Series C*)

He has crafted a very good series that we will all benefit from. Please make plans to be here for the whole series as you're able. It will be well worth it!

The titles are:

|                  |                              |                           |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Ash Wednesday: | The Genesis of Joseph        | Gen 30:22-24              |
| 2 Midweek 2:     | A Wondrous Silence           | Gen 37:12-36; Lk 22:14-31 |
| 3 Midweek 3:     | A Miracle of Miracles        | Gen 39:1-21; Lk 22:31-51  |
| 4 Midweek 4:     | Wait for the Lord            | Gen 41:9-16; Lk 22:52-71  |
| 5 Midweek 5:     | Chased by a Dirty Conscience | Gen 42:6-24; Lk 23:1-25   |
| 6 Midweek 6:     | God <i>Does</i> Have a Plan  | Gen 45:1-15; Lk 23:26-47  |
| 7 Good Friday:   | Forgiveness Finished         | Gen 50:15-21; Jn 19:30    |

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## **Invocation**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **Opening Versicles** *LSB 253*

**P** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

**P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C** to sing praise to Your name, **O Most High;**

**P** to herald Your love in the morning,  
**C** **Your truth at the close of the day.**

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution** *LSB 254*

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)*

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to

have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

Sit

Office Hymn

LSB 725 sts. 1-4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## **Reading From Holy Scripture**      *LSB 255*

### **Reading**      *Genesis 39:1-21*

39 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, 4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. 5 From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed

the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. 6 So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, 7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

8 But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” 10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, 14 she called her household servants.

“Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. 15 When he heard me scream for

help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

16 She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. 18 But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger.

20 Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Reading**

*Luke 22:31-51*

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

35 Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered.

36 He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. 37 It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

38 The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”

“That’s enough!” he replied.

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” 41 He withdrew about a

stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading

them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” 49 When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

*LSB 255*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

**P** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 428 sts. 1-4*

*“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”*



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing  
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect - God on thee has bled!  
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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**Sermon**

**“A Miracle of Miracles”  
Pastor Tom Rhodes**

## Offering

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 192*

**☐ ☐ I believe in God, the Father  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer

*LSB 256*

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** listen to my cry.

**P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

**P** In righteousness I shall see You;

**C** when I awake Your presence will give me joy.

*Brief silence*

**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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**      *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 257*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 258*

**P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

# Benediction

LSB 259

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

LSB 873 sts. 1-3

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy - less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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