

**Sixth 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.

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

C Amen.

Sit

Office Hymn

LSB 809 sts. 1-3

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Reading From Holy Scripture *LSB 255*

Reading *Genesis 45:1-15*

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the

Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9 Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay.

10 You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. 11 I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

12 “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. 13 Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

14 Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Reading

Luke 23:26-47

26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then ““they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!””

31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him.

“Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”

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 571 sts. 1-4

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

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Sermon

“God Does Have a Plan”

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 Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 423 sts. 1-3

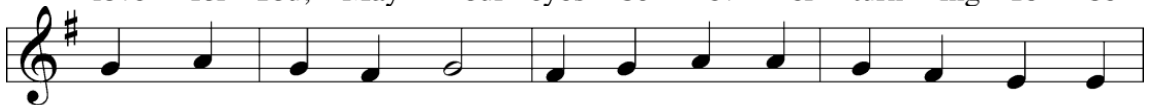
“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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