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A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF GESIMATIDE

BY PASTOR LARSON

At Luther Memorial Chapel we observe the historic lectionary. A lectionary is a collection of readings from the Holy Scriptures. These readings are arranged according to the church's calendar and are intended to be read at the regular, weekly gathering of God's people.

One of the most distinctive features of the historic lectionary are those Sundays immediately prior to Lent. These Sundays are not part of the Epiphany season, and neither are they part of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday).

The Sundays we celebrate in February will even have funny-sounding names! Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. The church season is referred to as "Gesimatide." Each Sunday bears the Latin word for (roughly!) the number of days until Easter: Septuagesima (seventy), Sexagesima (sixty), and Quinquagesima (fifty).

This last month we have been meditating on the Incarnation of God in human flesh. When Epiphany climaxes with the Feast of the Transfiguration, we put away our alleluias and shift to the Passion and empty tomb of our Lord.

Gesimatide (Pre-Lent) is a gentle preparation for the rigors of our Lenten jour-

ney, which includes self-denial, spiritual discipline, and heightened reliance on the grace and mercy of God. Although Gesimatide predates the Lutheran Reformation of the 16th century, these Sundays, interestingly, hold forth some very "Lutheran" themes.

Septuagesima: Grace alone. With the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Mt. 20:1-16), we see that the Master graciously bestowed rewards not by works but by grace.

Sexagesima: Scripture alone. In the parable of the sower (Lk. 8:4-15), we see that God's Word accomplishes everything He purposes! As Lutherans we believe that the Bible is the sole infallible source of authority for Christian faith and practice.

Quinquagesima: Faith alone. A blind man cries out for mercy from our Lord, confident that He will help. Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well."

I look forward to celebrating the season of Pre-Lent with you all. When you greet your friends you can even wish them a blessed Gesimatide! And now you are equipped to explain a few things about it as well!

SERVING US

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*

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Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*



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EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE FIFTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: PART 1



And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

This part now relates to our poor miserable life, which, although we have and believe the Word of God, and do and submit to His will, and are supported by His gifts and blessings, is nevertheless not without sin. For we still stumble daily and transgress, because we live in the world among men who do us much harm and give us cause for impatience, anger, revenge, etc. Besides, we have Satan at our back, who sets upon us on every side, and fights (as we have heard) against all the foregoing petitions, so that it is not possible always to stand firm in such a persistent conflict.

Therefore there is here again great need to call upon God and to pray: Dear Father, forgive us our trespasses. Not as though He did not forgive sin without and even before our prayer (for He has given us the Gospel, in which is pure forgiveness before we prayed or ever thought about it). But this is to the intent that we may recognize and accept such forgiveness. For since the flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature

that it neither trusts nor believes God, and is ever active in evil lusts and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, by commission and omission, by which the conscience is thrown into unrest, so that it is afraid of the wrath and displeasure of God, and thus loses the comfort and confidence derived from the Gospel; therefore it is ceaselessly necessary that we run hither and obtain consolation to comfort the conscience again.

But this should serve God's purpose of breaking our pride and keeping us humble. For in case anyone should boast of his godliness and despise others, God has reserved this prerogative to Himself, that the person is to consider himself and place this prayer before his eyes, and he will find that he is no better than others, and that in the presence of God all must lower their plumes, and be glad that they can attain forgiveness. And let no one think that as long as we live here he can reach such a position that he will not need such forgiveness. In short, if God does not forgive without ceasing, we are lost.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC

WE DO NOT LOSE HOPE

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



International Outreach continues to seek God's clarity and direction for the program that He started at Luther Memorial Chapel, almost twelve years ago. Although the largest group of internationals these past years has been from China, there are very few Chinese people coming to iO now. In fact, there is only one UWM doctoral student, and she attends very infrequently. As I've written in other articles, we still have some very dedicated iO volunteers who continue to reach out online to Chinese friends, former iO attendees, but that, too, may be ending soon. On Dec. 28, 2021, from the website www.bitterwinter.org there is an article entitled "Crackdown on Religious Content on the Internet Coming March 1, 2022." The Chinese communist government wants this stopped. It's a deeply sad time for the 90 million mostly underground Chinese Christians and the people here who encourage them in their faith through the means of Skyping. If you have the opportunity, please look up this article on the website, along with seeing other articles. I will keep you posted about what happens with these long-distance online Bible studies that our volunteers have been doing for so long. Much prayer is needed.

Most of the people who have been attending iO these recent months speak Russian! They are from Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russia, and Ukraine, and they are mostly "landed" internationals: those who have become American citizens or those with green cards. However, I was contacted by my friend in the UWM International Department about two Uzbekistan visiting scholars who were here four months, and asked if we could help them improve their English! Why yes, of course! Two Muslim men, both engineer professors, one a young father of three and the other a grandfather. They regularly attended each week, and our conversations were varied and wonderful. I thank our Holy Triune God for the opportunities He allowed me to speak clearly about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The handwritten letter the younger man gave to me before I drove them to Chicago O'Hare on Dec. 20 made me feel encouraged in the Christ-centered witness I was privileged to give to this Muslim man. In my last iO article for the December-January *Chapel News*, I wrote about the urgency in telling others about the eternal lifesaving message of Jesus, and God provided those opportunities. What about you? What opportunities has God been giving to you to share His message of love and forgiveness? The urgency is still with us.

According to my UWM friend, soon there will be more visiting scholars arriving from Uzbekistan and hopefully, prayerfully, God will grant more opportunities to tell them personally about our Lord Jesus Christ. May it be so, dear God!

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Jennifer Burfeind	Feb. 1
Travis Doying	Feb. 1
John Gnas V	Feb. 1
Ronan Sovitzky	Feb. 1
Jack Patrick Burfeind	Feb. 2
Carl Swanson	Feb. 5
Joel Vojta	Feb. 5
William Buelow	Feb. 6
Elswyth Kreuter	Feb. 6
Andrew Hoffman	Feb. 9
Grace Burfeind	Feb. 10
Brett Grasse	Feb. 11
Brian German	Feb. 12
Thaleia Kreuter	Feb. 12
Ceejay Hagedorn	Feb. 17
Xavier Hagedorn	Feb. 17
Ava Frusti	Feb. 19
Hannah Gnas	Feb. 19
Selah Wieting	Feb. 23
Leylani Camacho-Sanchez	Feb. 28
Fredrik Lane	Feb. 28

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Saints at Luther Memorial Chapel,

Thank you so much for your \$2000 gift towards my mission work. Your support and partnership are truly a blessing.

I'm pleased to report that some countries in SE Asia are open for visitors again, so I'll be travelling to Sri Lanka Jan. 25 to Feb. 10. We are starting a new hymnal project there. Exciting!

Thank you again for your support.

God bless you,
Deaconess Sandra Rhein

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN FEBRUARY

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Feb. 6	Transfiguration	LSB 412	Ex. 34:29-35	Psalm 77	2 Pet. 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
Feb. 13	Septuagesima	LSB 555	Ex. 17:1-7	Psalm 18	1 Cor. 9:24—10:15	Matt. 20:1-16
Feb. 20	Sexagesima	LSB 823	Is. 55:10—13	Psalm 44	2 Cor. 11:19—12:9 or Heb. 4:9—13	Luke 8:4—15
Feb. 27	Quinquagesima	LSB 849	1 Sam. 16:1—13 or Is. 35:3—7	Psalm 31	1 Cor. 13:1—13	Luke 18:31—43

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2022 Alphabetical Elder Areas

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Members in his care:</u>
John Burfeind:	Abram—Carlton
Jonathan Paul:	Christensen—Galvin
Adam Scott:	Genthe—Hessel
John Galvin:	Hintze—McAllister
Ray Greco:	McAuly—Peterson
Ben Wieting:	Ploetz—Swanson
Aaron Viets:	Sylke—Zimmerman

The members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

The members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

The members of the **Board of Elders** are to work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

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FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting & Lunch	31 5:30 PM Marriage Catechesis 7:00 PM Divine Service	1 6:00 PM Trustees	2 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM Divine Service for Purif of Mary & Presentation of Our Lord in Small Chapel	3 12:00 PM LEARN Homeschoolers	4	5 10:00 AM CPR/AED Training 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
6 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Break 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	7 5:30 PM Marriage Catechesis 7:00 PM Divine Service	8 6:30 PM The Great Awakening: What are we going to do about it?	9 8:30 AM Matins 6:30 PM Elders	10 12:00 PM LEARN Homeschoolers	11	12 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
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Future Fellowship Events in 2022

Mark your calendars.

Sunday, Feb. 27 – Game Day / Potluck (following Bible study)

Friday, April 22 – Spring English Country Dance (6:30pm)

Saturday, May 7 – May Day Trail Run / Cookout (starts 9am)

All events are intended for congregational members, university students, and internationals to participate!

THE GREAT AWOKENING:

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?



Not everyone can say that they have lived through a "great awakening" that has reshaped their society and culture. However, if you are reading these sentences, you can claim this for the simple fact that you indeed have. You have already gone through a seismic religio-political shift in America. We may not yet have hindsight's clarifying distance, but Christians need to know what the "Great Awakening" fundamentally is, the challenges this shift presents to the Church, and how we ought to respond.

Our Speaker: Pastor David Ramirez serves at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

6:30pm

cost: free

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