Dear Saints of God,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024 (which also happens to be Valentine’s Day) and so does our emphasis on Moses’ book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God’s people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God’s salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel’s Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times!

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of *Jesus*.

The Sunday Morning Bible Class will look at the exciting history and theology connected with the book of Exodus. *It will all be very practical and useful!* There is also a Lenten devotional booklet based on Exodus. Be sure to get yours. Why not share one with a friend?

Sermon plans are as follows:

*Ash Wednesday* **“Big Things with Small Stuff”** (Exodus 2:1–10)

*Lent One* **“How God Changes Us”** (Exodus 3:1–14)

*Lent Two* **“Stop Trying and Start Trusting”** (Exodus 14:1–29)

*Lent Three* **“Strike the Rock!”** (Exodus 17:1–7)

*Lent Four* **“Mine!”** (Exodus 20:1–17)

*Lent Five* **“Digging Ourselves into a Hole”** (Exodus 32:1–14)

*Palm Sunday* **“A New Beginning!”** (Exodus 34:1–8)

*Maundy Thursday* **“Access!”** (Exodus 24:1–11)

*Good Friday* **“*Agnus Dei*”** (Exodus 12:1–13)

*Easter* **“Against all Odds!”** (Exodus 15:1–18)

This series comes to us from Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing who serves at Concordia University-St. Paul. Dr. Lessing, when he was one of my Old Testament Seminary Professors, was instrumental in giving me my love for the Old Testament (but not the Hebrew).

See you in Church during this Lenten Season!

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