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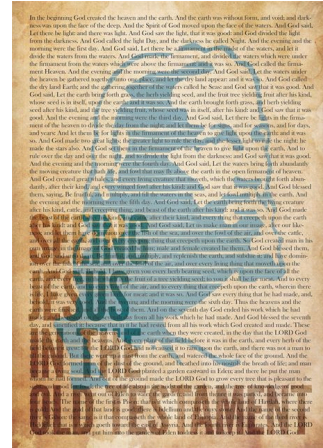
# CBI e-Bulletin

## April 2025

Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin!

Continue reading to learn how we can glean knowledge for our lives today from the account of Noah, a reminder about an on-campus Bible Study **beginning today**, and more!

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God. If your congregation would like to host a seminar, please reach out to us at [Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu](mailto:Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu).



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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## Our Days of Noah

Things were getting really bad. “When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose” (Gen. 6:1-2). Does this activity of “seeing” something that is “good” and “taking” it sound familiar? That’s right: it’s the activity of Adam and Eve all over again, only this time, on a global scale. The Lord once took a woman out of man, but here mankind is taking whatever women they please.

And as a result, the Lord is literally “pained” to his heart (6:6). That’s another word that comes straight out of the garden, used to describe the consequences of our sin: pain in childbearing, pain in labor, pain in eating, and so on (see Gen. 3:16-17). It’s quite profound, isn’t it? The Lord is taking into his own heart the curse of creation. In the greatest sense possible, he’s feeling it.

“So the Lord said, ‘I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (6:7-8).

That’s remarkable. Things are so bad that the Lord regrets making man, but he finds some comfort in one man, Noah. Why? Because “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation” (6:9).

Out of the grief of God comes a new humanity. “These are the generations of Noah” (6:9). Right in the midst of the flood narrative we have talk of a genealogy again, because the real genealogy that Genesis cares about is the genealogy of righteousness, those who are born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh but of God, those who make their way into the ark of the church while the world keeps eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage.

The whole scene rings some bells, doesn't it? The Lord taking into himself the curse of creation. The righteousness of only one Man as a source of comfort.

It's also the Christian life, isn't it? Daily we feel the curse of creation: bodies breaking down, and fears rising up. Meanwhile, the whole world is groaning together in pains like a woman in labor. But in the midst of it all, our source of comfort is in the righteousness of only one Man. No matter how bad things are getting, he is our source of comfort in every distress.

While our bodies waste away, he gives us his body to eat. When our conscience becomes plagued, he gives us the very blamelessness he has before our heavenly Father.

As we are reminded once again this Lenten season of our first parents' "seeing" something that is "good" and "taking" it, let's keep our eyes "seeing" our Lord Jesus, in whom you will find every "good" by "taking" his word and sacraments for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world to come.

*Dr. Brian German*  
*Director of the Concordia Bible Institute*

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## **Psalms of the Savior**

### **CBI Presentations at CUW**

Come take a fresh look at how two beloved psalms of David, Psalm 51 and Psalm 22, show us our life in Christ this Lent and beyond.

**When:** Tuesday, April 1 (Psalm 51), and Tuesday, April 8 (Psalm 22), 6:30-8:00pm

**Where:** Friends of Concordia Room (NW corner of the fieldhouse) on the campus of CUW

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## Ask Dr. German


**Question:** Last summer in a small conference in Pennsylvania, you quoted this sentence from Martin Luther: "For a man becomes a theologian by living, or rather, by experience, death and condemnation; not by mere understanding, reading and speculation." Can you tell me what book it was in? (Michael O.)

**Answer:** Thanks for writing! What a great quote. It comes from Luther's second psalm lectures (the *Operationes in Psalmos*), in the midst of commenting on Psalm 5. You can see the quote on page 266 of this translation:  
<https://archive.org/details/lutherscommentar01luth/page/266/mode/2up>.

**Do you have a question you would like to ask Dr. German?** Just go to our website, [ConcordiaBible.org](http://ConcordiaBible.org), and click on Ask Dr German at the top.

## Read the Bible in a Year

Do you have a goal to read the Bible in a year? Or simply looking to add to your devotions? Follow along with the calendar below. A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter. Start any time, and in a year you will have read through the entire Bible!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Isaiah 25:1-9 Romans 1-3	2 Psalm 114 Romans 4-6	3 Psalm 115 Romans 7-9	4 Psalm 116 Romans 10-13	5 Psalm 117 Romans 14-16
6 Psalm 118 1 Cor. 1-3	7 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Cor. 4-6	8 Psalm 119:9-16 1 Cor. 7-9	9 Psalm 119:17-24 1 Cor. 10-11	10 Ps. 119:25-32 1 Cor. 12-14	11 Ps. 119:33-40 1 Cor. 15-16	12 Ps. 119:41-48 2 Cor. 1-4
13 Ps. 119:49-56 2 Cor. 5-7	14 Ps. 119:57-64 2 Cor. 8-10	15 Ps. 119:65-72 2 Cor. 11-13	16 Ps. 119:73-80 Galatians 1-3	17 Ps. 119:81-88 Galatians 4-6	18 Ps. 119:89-96 Ephesians 1-3	19 Ps. 119:97-104 Ephesians 4-6
20 Ps. 119:105-112 Philippians 1-2 <b>Happy Easter!</b>	21 Ps. 119:113-120 Philippians 3-4	22 Ps. 119:121-128 Colossians 1-2	23 Ps. 119:129-136 Colossians 3-4	24 Ps. 119:137-144 1 Thess. 1-3	25 Ps. 119:145-152 1 Thess. 4-5	26 Ps. 119:153-160 2 Thess. 1-3
27 Ps. 119:161-168 1 Timothy 1-3	28 Ps. 119:169-176 1 Timothy 4-6	29 Psalm 120 2 Timothy 1-2	30 Isaiah 25:1-9 2 Timothy 3-4			



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- Visit [here](#) to view all the videos we have available so far.
- Current teachings available include Dr. Saleska on Parables of the Kingdom, Christ Crucified Everywhere in Scripture, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Do Miracles Still Happen? and Prayer According to the Scriptures. The most recent series added was 1 Corinthians, from Fall 2007.
- **Adding This Month:** Christ the Preacher - the Sermon on the Mount

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