



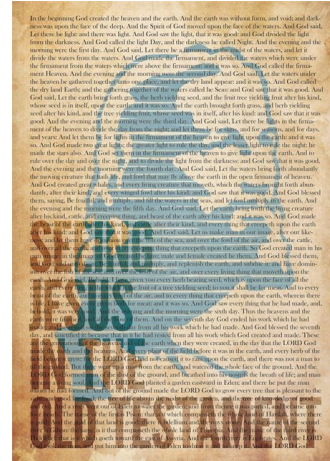
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*Christ in Every Word*

# CBI e-Bulletin

## March 2024

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

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).



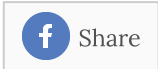
"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

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

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## Outstretched Arms

The Israelites have made their way through the Red Sea, learned about daily bread in the wilderness, and even drank some water from a rock—not bad! But immediately afterwards, “Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim” (Ex. 17:8). With no explanation, here comes a fight. You’ve been baptized (Red Sea), tasted heavenly bread (manna), and been refreshed for the journey ahead (water), and without answers to any questions you may have, here’s the battle that the Lord has in store for you.

Ugh. But then something else quickly takes center stage.

Moses stands “on the top of the hill with the staff of God in [his] hand” (Ex. 17:9). And “whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed” (Ex. 17:11). That same staff that was so instrumental in bringing about the plagues and crossing the sea is still such a huge deal, just as it always has been. Do you remember what God asked Moses early on when Moses wasn’t sure about his own abilities to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt? “What is that in your hand?” Moses responds, “A staff” (Ex. 4:1). There it is: a shepherd’s staff. It’s not about you, but all about my office of the ministry in which I’ve placed you.

“But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword” (Ex. 17:11–13).

That’s fascinating. What strikes me the most about this is *how little attention is placed on the ones fighting the actual battle*. Tell me more about Israel’s battle tactics, or at least a little bit about Joshua’s skills with the sword.

No, that won’t do. Why? Because *the hill is where the battle is won*.

Does the image of Moses with outstretched hands sound familiar? From ancient times, the church has marveled at how Moses gives us a striking picture of Christ outstretched on the cross, the place where *the battle—against sin, death, and the devil—is won*. That’s why I tend to like the picture above: what happens on the hill is the real source of our victory in the valley.

That’s also why Aaron and Hur do what they do. They see someone growing weary, and they support him or her with the things of the Lord. They set the individual on the cornerstone of Christ. They bring people to the rock of their salvation. They prop up the office of the holy ministry however they can. They must decrease, and the shape of the cross must increase.

Whatever battle in which you find yourself or a loved one, direct all eyes to the author and perfecter of our faith. Before you do another day in the valley, remember where—and how—your battle is already won.

Dr. Brian German  
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

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## Podcasts

CBI offers podcasts (around 30min each) on biblical passages and religious issues that you can listen to any time through the [CBI website](#).

To browse by series or book of the Bible, click [HERE](#); or, to browse stand-alone single podcasts, click [HERE](#).

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**New One-Day Seminar: Dr. German at Zion LC**

Jesus once said, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me” (John 5:39). At the center of Christianity is the belief that everything in the Scriptures—what we today call the Old Testament—bears witness to who Jesus is and what he has come to do. Martin Luther put it this way: “All of Scripture...is pure Christ, God’s and Mary’s Son.”

What: **Christ in the Old Testament**

Who: Dr. Brian German, presenter

When: **Saturday, March 9, 8:30am-2:30pm**

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 110 E. Grand Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI

How Much: FREE! A light lunch will also be provided

Registration: Alex Zamarripa, at zamarripa1978@gmail.com

For more information click [HERE](#).

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## **New Study at CUW: The Passion of Jesus according to Joseph the Patriarch**

The early Lutherans were fond of reading the passion of Jesus right alongside the account of Joseph the patriarch so that they “may view the old Passion as though it were painted with new colors” (Wilhelm Bidembach, 1538–72). Come hear some of the fascinating ways the Joseph narrative adds rich color to the death and resurrection of Christ with Dr. Brian German, Chairman of the Theology Department and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute at Concordia University, on March 11 and 18 from 6:30 to 8pm in the Friends of Concordia Room (northwest corner of the Fieldhouse).

What: **The Passion of Jesus according to Joseph the Patriarch**

Who: Dr. Brian German, presenter

When: **Monday, March 11 and 18, 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Where: Friends of Concordia Room (NW corner of the Fieldhouse, Concordia University Wisconsin)



How Much: FREE!

Registration: no registration required, just come!

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## Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March</b>					1 Isaiah 64:1-9 Numbers 16-18	2 Psalm 85 Numbers 19-21
3 Psalm 86 Num. 22-24	4 Psalm 87 Num. 25-27	5 Psalm 88 Num. 28-30	6 Psalm 89 Num. 31-33	7 Psalm 90 Num. 34-36	8 Psalm 91 Deut. 1-3	9 Psalm 92 Deut. 4-6
10 Psalm 93 Deut. 7-9	11 Psalm 94 Deut. 10-12	12 Psalm 95 Deut. 13-15	13 Psalm 96 Deut. 16-18	14 Psalm 97 Deut. 19-21	15 Psalm 98 Deut. 22-24	16 Psalm 99 Deut. 25-27
17 Psalm 100 Deut. 28-30	18 Psalm 101 Deut. 31-34	19 Psalm 102 Luke 1	20 Psalm 103 Luke 2-3	21 Psalm 104 Luke 4-5	22 Psalm 105 Luke 6-7	23 Psalm 106 Luke 8-9
24 Psalm 107 Luke 10-11	25 Psalm 108 Luke 12-13	26 Psalm 109 Luke 14-15	27 Psalm 110 Luke 16-17	28 Psalm 111 Luke 18-19	29 Psalm 112 Luke 20-21	30 Psalm 113 Luke 22
31 Isaiah 64:1-9 Luke 23-24						

## Archive Videos of Dr. Saleska Available



Videos from CBI archives will be gradually uploaded to the CBI website over the next several months. These videos were taken from teaching by Dr. John Saleska and others, from as far back as 2001. You are welcome to view them at any time!

- 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, Christ in the Pentateuch, and Do Miracles Still Happen?.
- **Newest addition:** Prayer According to the Scriptures

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- Visit [concordiabible.org/Saleska](http://concordiabible.org/Saleska) for more information and to give (scroll down to the bottom of the page to see all of our resources).
- Help us get the word out to those who want to help Pre-Seminary students and to those who knew Dr. Saleska.
- Click here to watch our video: <https://youtu.be/vqLfzI9Wlkw>

If you know someone who may be interested in the Pre-Seminary program at CUW, you may reach out to the Pre-Seminary Director Rev. Dr. Jason Lane at [Jason.Lane@cuw.edu](mailto:Jason.Lane@cuw.edu) or by calling 262-243-2059.

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## Saleska Scholarship Endowment

In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.



Please help spread the word about this endowment and pray for its growth. For ways to contribute and resources about this endowment, please visit [concordiabible.org/saleska](http://concordiabible.org/saleska) and designate "Saleska Scholarship Endowment" on your method of giving.

Please contact Jeff Klocko, Director of Donor Relations, for details about this exciting opportunity. He can be reached at 262.243.2170 or [jeff.klocko@cuw.edu](mailto:jeff.klocko@cuw.edu).

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