

# The Jesus Creed

*Lessons on Loving God and Loving Others*

When an expert in the law asked Jesus for the greatest commandment of all, Jesus responded with the *Shema*, the ancient Jewish creed that commands Israel to love God with all ones heart, soul, mind and strength. But the next part of Jesus' answer would change the course of history. Jesus amended the *Shema*, giving his followers, giving us, a new creed for life: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, **and**, to love others as we love ourselves.

On Wednesday nights during Lent we will be using a new video series by Scott McKnight, Professor of Religious Studies at North Park University, to help us examine how regular reflection on what he terms, "The Jesus Creed", can help us grow and mature as people of faith.

Scott McKnight has written a daily devotional book, *40 Days Living The Jesus Creed*, that can be used throughout Lent. It is designed to deepen our engagement with Jesus call to, "Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves." Copies will be available for purchase at \$10

## Lenten Worship Schedule

### Ash Wednesday - February 17

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. featuring Chicken Noodle soup  
Worship at 12: 30 p.m. with Holy Communion  
and imposition of ashes available.

Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Chicken Noodle and Broccoli with Cheese soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion  
and imposition of ashes available.

### Wednesday, February 24

*What is the Jesus Creed and how can we begin anew?*  
Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Chicken Tortilla and California Medley soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer  
Special music by Good 'pellas from Roseville High School  
under the direction of Dean Jilek

### Wednesday, March 3

*What Has God Called Us to Become?*  
Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Split Pea with Ham and Vegetarian Chili soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer  
Special music by  
Gary Bordner, Principal Trumpet, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra

### Wednesday, March 10

*How Is God Calling Us to Compassion?*  
Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Chicken Wild Rice and Vegetarian Vegetable soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer  
Special music by Steven and Naomi Staruch, singers

### Wednesday, March 17

*What Kind of Society Should Christians Help Make?*  
Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Beef Barley and Broccoli with Cheese soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer  
Special music by St. Michael's Lutheran High School musicians

### Wednesday, March 24

*Yes, Disciples Fail*  
Supper at 6 p.m.  
featuring Tomato Basil Raviolotti and Cream of Asparagus soups  
Worship at 7 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer  
Special music by Dick Hensold, piper



### Palm Sunday - March 28

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship  
We begin the day with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but the rejoicing quickly gives way to those events that will lead to his death on a cross. Someone has said we cannot fully experience the glory of the empty tomb until we have first encountered the somberness of the passion. On this day, our service will move us from Palm Sunday to Passion Sunday.

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. featuring Vegetarian Chili soup  
Handwashing and Worship at 12:30 p.m.  
with Holy Communion in the Courtyard Room  
Handwashing and Worship at 7 p.m.  
with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall

### Good Friday, April 2

Tenebrae Worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Soup Suppers

Before worship on the Wednesday evenings during Lent (including Ash Wednesday) we will once again be offering a simple and nourishing supper featuring soup, bread, salad, beverage and a cookie. We will also have peanut butter and jelly available for those who may not want soup. The meal will be served in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-6:45 p.m. on the Wednesdays of February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Cost for adults and youth over 10 is \$4.00; \$3.00 for children age 3 through 12; free for children under 3. Maximum cost per family is \$12. We invite you to join in this time of fellowship.

On **Ash Wednesday** and **Maundy Thursday** we will offer a lunch featuring soup, bread, salad, beverage and cookie at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be holding a worship service in the Courtyard Room at 12:30pm on those two days.



## Imposition of Ashes

The imposition of ashes will be made available on Ash Wednesday. The liturgy for Ash Wednesday indicates that "ashes should be available for those who desire to receive this sign of mortality, repentance and renewal." As people come forward to receive communion, the sign of the cross, made in ashes, will be made available.

At the same time we recognize that not all are comfortable with this practice and no one should feel compelled to receive it.

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March 3, 10, 17, 24*

*Served  
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