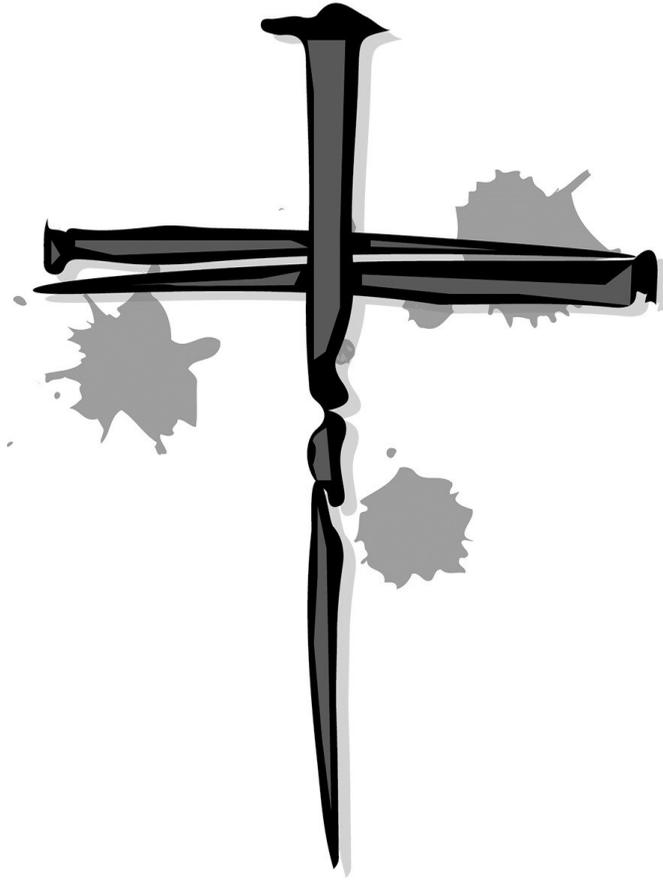


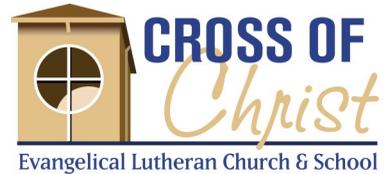
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Welcome



The Order of Service is printed out for you in this bulletin.

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Guest - we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book in the atrium or fill out the guest register in the pew.

Parents with small children—we enjoy children in worship! However, if you need to leave during the service, we encourage you to use the nursery area in the lobby. If nursing, please feel free to use room 213 for your comfort.

Restrooms and changing tables are located upstairs and downstairs, past the elevators.

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Three Words of Truth:

What Is Truth?

Tonight's Focus

Ever since nihilism entered the philosophical arena, our world (currently controlled by nihilism's child, post-modernism) is skeptical of any claim to objective truth. This is especially true when it comes to matters of religion. Jesus not only claims to know what is true but asserts earlier in John's gospel that he is the truth—the truth about sin, the truth about grace.

Serving in our worship...

5:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Sam Biebert

Organist: Laurie Harvison

Ushers: **Karl Geistfeld**

Mark Jobs

Mitch Morehouse

Brian Harvison

Ben Speidel

Rod Decker

7:00 pm

Rev. Sam Biebert

Laurie Harvison

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What Is Truth?

Opening Hymn

“When O’er My Sins I Sorrow” (CW#109)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever.

M: The devil, the world, and my sinful nature assault me persistently with lies that compete for my attention. Though your gentle whisper calls to me, I have all too often failed to—even at times chosen not to—listen.

C: O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer

M: Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 33

Refrain



The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone



*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;*
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;*
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,*
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;*
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;*
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,*
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;*
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and the earth; through him you continue to rule over all things. Make us, your chosen people, witnesses of your power and heralds of your glory to the praise of your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Passion History

Luke 22:54—23:25

Peter Disowns Jesus, The Guards Mock Jesus, Jesus before Pilot and Herod.

The Gospel of Luke, more than any other, fits the category of ancient biography. Luke, as "narrator" of events, sees Jesus as the Savior of all people, always on the side of the needy and the deprived. Narrated in the New International Version by British actor Richard E. Grant, this epic production - featuring specially constructed sets and the authentic country side of Morocco - has been critically acclaimed by leading religious scholars as a unique and highly authentic telling of the story of Jesus.

Seasonal Response

C: **All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn of the Day

"He Stood Before the Court" (CW# 115)

Sermon

John 18:33-40

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸ "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹ But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king

of the Jews’?”

⁴⁰ They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Offering

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register located in your pew and pass it to those worshiping with you. Guests, please include your address or email address.

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Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Evening Prayer

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

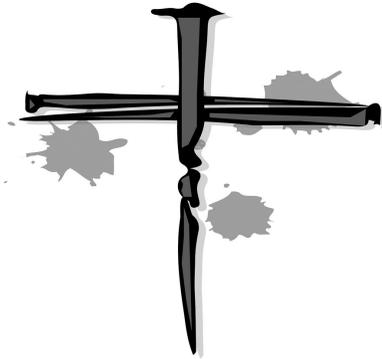
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (CW# 114, Vs 1-4, 7)

Midweek Lenten Series 2019

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*Wednesdays at 5:00 pm &
7:00 pm
Lenten Supper served at 5:45
pm*

*April 10
Take Him Away!*

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Palm Sunday Worship April 14, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Worship April 18, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship April 19, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Worship April 21, 6:30 am

Easter Festival Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Breakfast between services ~ sponsored by COC
Youth Group.