**Bishop’s Teaching Series 2019**

The Cross at the Center: the Faith of Lutheran Christians

*A four-part series on central aspects of Christian faith designed for laypeople and anyone interested in a refresher course in what makes us Lutheran.*

**April 13, 2019**

**Reading the Bible the Lutheran Way: The Bible as the source, not the object of our faith**

Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin

**Part One: What Is the Bible, Anyway?**

*Questions for discussion:*

How did you first come to know the Bible?

Did you know it as stories first, or was it a book you were given to read?

Is literacy necessary for true faith? Why or why not?

What difference does it make to be able to read scripture for yourself?

**Part Two: The Use and Misuse of Scripture**

*Questions for discussion:*

How have the scriptural texts enriched your life and self-understanding?

Have you ever experienced scripture’s use in a harmful or negative way?

How does reading scripture make you feel? Wiser? Calmer? More fearful?

How does the “word” show you “the Word”? How do you encounter Christ in the Bible?