**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.*

**Saturday, May 11**

***God, Jesus, and the Spirit: Lutheran Ways of Understanding and Speaking of God***

Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin

**Part One: Knowing the Unknowable: Humans and God**

*Questions for discussion:*

How do you imagine God?

Of the many “attributes” by which we define God, which is most important to you?

What lies at the root of our desire to know God “for sure”?

Is it hard for you to live in “certain uncertainty”? If so, why? If not, why not?

**Part Two: The Infinite Within the Finite: God With Us**

*Questions for discussion:*

How does the humanity of Jesus make God more immediate to you?

Do you feel a tension between “knowing Jesus” and “knowing God”? How does that feel?

It is easier to live with something illogical or something unknowable?

How would you describe the way the Holy Spirit works to hold things together?