**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, June 8**

***The Church We Believe In: Lutheran Teachings About the Church and Its Ministry***

Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin

**Part One: Between Heaven and Earth: The Church as a Living Body**

*Questions for discussion:*

What images come to your mind when you think of “church”?

Have you ever changed congregations, aside from having moved? Why?

Is “church” something you DO, or something you ARE? Why or why not?

How would you answer someone who says “I can be a good person without church”?

**Part Two: What Does Ministry Look Like? A Community Built on God’s Promises**

*Questions for discussion:*

When have baptism and holy communion ever been powerful for you?

When you listen to the words of liturgy/worship, do they speak to you?

What parts of communal worship make you feel most spiritually “fed”?

How does trusting God’s promises lead you to live differently?