

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship 9:30am
Sunday School 10:40am
Bible Study 10:50am
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LENT ONE
 March 1, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 143 (Pg. 155)
Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118) **Prayer before Receiving the Sacrament,**
Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament (Pg. 118).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 148:1-6 179 178 755 148:7-11

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 148:1-6 - “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION (TLH Pg.15ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- “Amen.”
 The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 16)...The Kyrie (Pg. 17).
Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 17-19)
 The Salutation (Pg. 19) The Collect (Prayer for the Day) -- “Amen.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 3:1-24

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”
² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

CLC CALL NEWS

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN has called Missionary Peter Evenson to serve as their pastor • Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call of Berea Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD • Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN has called Pastor Matthew Hanel, who currently serves St. Matthew in Dallas, TX • Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC has called Teacher Neil Bernthal to serve as Principal and Upper Grades Teacher. Teacher Bernthal currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL. • Pastor Terrel Kesterson has returned the call of Redeemer in Bowdle and Zion in Ipswich, SD. • Mrs. Sarah Ude of Middleton, WI has been called by Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher. • Redeemer of Cheyenne, WY has called Teacher Joshua Ohlmann to be their principal/teacher.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April 11, 2020 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020		
<i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to ‘Missions’ on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. The Fiscal year of the CLC runs from December 1- November 30 each year. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund. **</i>		
Amount Pledged 2020	Received as of 2/23	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$660.00	\$6340.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
JULY GOAL	RECEIVED 1/26/20	JULY GOAL
\$35.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 2/23 & 26/20			
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions/CBP	
\$703.00	\$42.50	\$90.00	
Offerings Total: \$835.50			

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS; MARCH 2-7, 2020

Monday - Genesis 2:7-9,15-17,3:1-7 reveals why we need Good Friday and Easter. Back in green Eden, Adam and Eve could freely (at no cost) eat of the fruit of every tree—with one exception (17). But why create an exception? So that A&E could practice being obedient, willingly. Since Satan despises obedience to God, he seduced Eve to disobey, willfully. She broke God's quarantine, and that's how the sin-virus entered humanity's DNA and corrupted us, too.

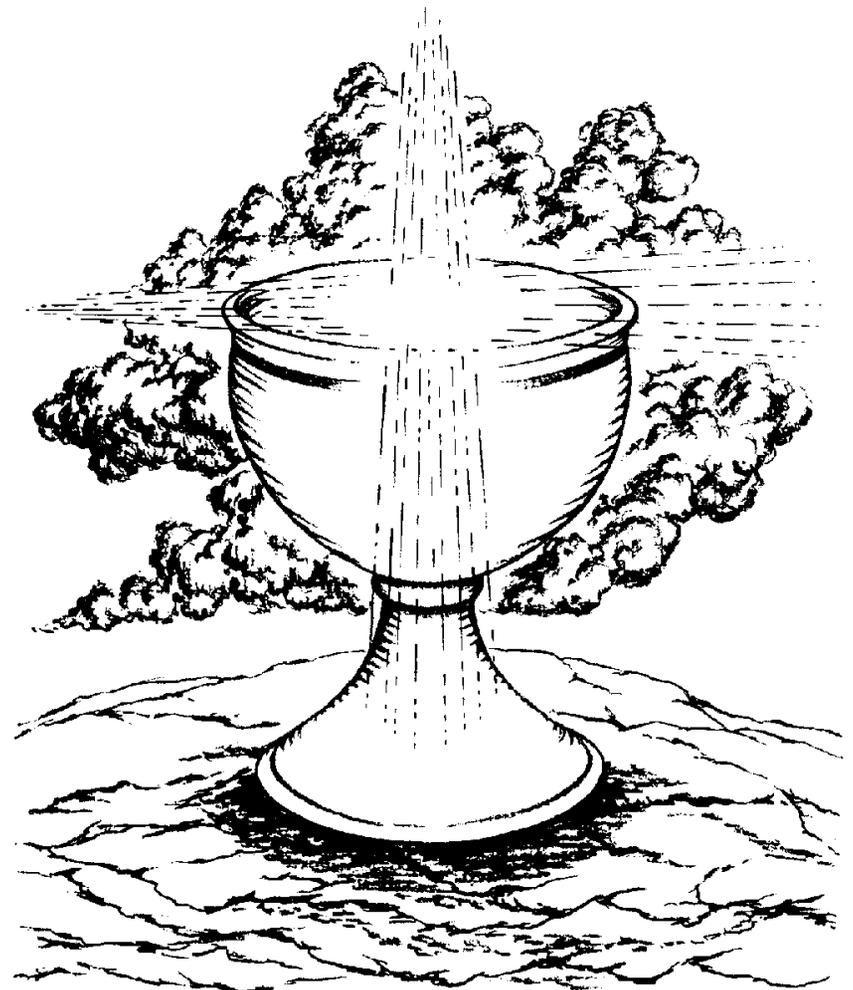
Tuesday - Matthew 4:1-11 In the course of time, Jesus (the second Adam) became Satan's target. If he could trick Jesus into being self-assertive and self-serving for just a moment (as he had done with Eve), he could puncture Jesus' self-sacrificing spirit. You know what would follow. Jesus without self-sacrifice is no Savior at all; no atonement, no Good Friday, no Easter, no salvation!

Wednesday - Romans 5:12-19 The Holy Spirit goes to some length to lay this out for us: Jesus is the perfect counterbalance to imperfect Adam. See how God made it work: Via Adam humans are sinful mortals (12), so God provided His solution via Jesus (15). Adam's unrighteousness was counteracted by Jesus' righteousness; Adam's disobedience was compensated by Jesus' obedience (17-19), and we are recipients of this remarkable, miraculous interchange.

Thursday - Psalm 130 God gives us a wake-up call so that we despise our filthy thoughts, our dirty mouths, our slimy habits. That's a good start. Out of these depths we cry for His help, "I learned in Sunday School that You are on top of my problem, that You are good-hearted enough to forgive me; so I depend on You to pull me out of the black hole of despair (5-6). I cast myself on Your mercy, for *You can redeem me from all my iniquities*. So, help me, God!"

Friday - Luke 4:1-13 These three assaults of Satan against Jesus prove a number of things: Satan is a smooth operator; he knows the Bible well enough to misuse it (10-11), he can do bogus miracles (5), and he can fake self-sacrifice, too (6). More importantly, Jesus refused to fall for any of those tricks, for He stayed faithful to His pledge of self-sacrifice. That's how He earned His status as our Savior (Philippians 2:9-11). Thank You, dear Lord Jesus!

Saturday - Acts 8:26-40 The Holy Spirit warms our hearts as we review how God can reach His strong arm down to Earth, select an individual here or there, and end that person's search for . . . for what? For an understanding of how to get right with God. That's what God sent Philip to do, and that's what he did, for *Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at Isaiah 53:7-8, preached Jesus to him*. When such a person's heart has been won, he puts his past behind him, receives cleansing (36-38), and is headed for the day when he will see Jesus face- to-face. Lord, bless us all, great and small, day by day. Amen!



“... remove this cup from me;
nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”

Luke 22:42

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⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

¹⁰So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹²Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." ¹³And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

¹⁶To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. *

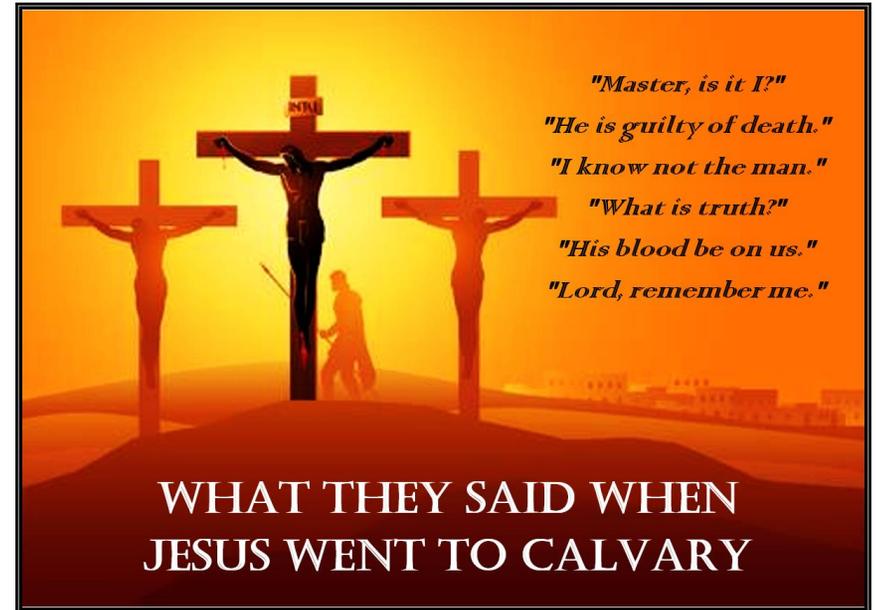
EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 1:2-15

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, ¹⁰ but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. *



LENTEN PREACHING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 3/4 – "Lord, is it I?" Pastor Caleb Schaller

Wednesday 3/11 – "What is Truth?" Pastor Bruce Naumann

Wednesday 3/18 – "I do not know the Man!" Pastor Paul Tiefel

Wednesday 3/25 – "His Blood be on us and on our Children" Pastor Schaller

Wednesday 4/1 – "Jesus, remember me" Pastor Norman Greve

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary next meet on Thursday March 12th at 7pm in the Pastor's office.

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Bible Study is replaced with Midweek Lenten Services for the remainder of the Lenten Season. We will pick up our study of the Psalms with a special interest in Messianic Psalms on Wednesday April 22nd at 7pm.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

The Penitential Season of Lent has begun. We plan to have a pulpit exchange with St. Peter's of Stambaugh and Messiah of Eau Claire, WI. Midweek Lenten services run until April 1st at 7pm. Pastor Caleb Schaller will be our preacher this coming Wednesday, March 4th. Our Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday April 9th and our Good Friday Worship on Friday April 10th. Easter Sunday falls on Sunday April 12th and will be preceded by our annual Easter Breakfast served by the men of Calvary.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend our services in which we celebrate the Lord's Supper and feel need of the Sacrament, please speak to Pastor Schaller about private communion.

CALVARY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

"In the event of a snowstorm of a serious nature, the Pastor in conjunction with the President and Vice President will determine whether or not to hold services. This will be done based on conditions and the official statements and recommendations of local authorities. This will be done recognizing that the government authorities have been established by God, (cf. Romans 13:1ff) and ought to be obeyed unless their commands conflict with God's Word."

"In the event that services are cancelled, a call tree shall be established whereby the membership will be notified promptly."

While the 'call tree' has not yet been established, please note that in the event of a cancellation the Radio Results Network family of Radio Stations (100.3 The Point; The Maverick 96.7; The Bay 94.9, GLQ 97.1, Kool 105.5) and WLUC TV6 are notified and will relay our cancellation and a post will be made on our Facebook Page. If you are unsure, you may also call the Pastor.

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: He will give His angels charge over You,

Congregation: to keep you in all your ways.

P: They will bear you up in their hands;

C: Lest You dash your foot against a stone. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: I will say of the LORD, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God;

C: In Him will I trust! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 22:24-32

²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' ²⁶ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

²⁸ "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

[cf. also Matthew 26:31–35; Mark 14:27–31; John 13:36–38]

³¹ And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE NICENE CREED (TLH PG. 22)

HYMN: 179 - "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"

SERMON:

LUKE 22:39-46

³⁹ Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He came to the place, He said to them, **“Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”**

⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, **“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”** ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

⁴⁵ When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, **“Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”***

REMARKABLE INCIDENTS DURING HOLY WEEK

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 171:6-8)

The load Thou takest on Thee, That pressed so sorely on me,
It crushed me to the ground. The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing, My healing in Thy wounds is found.

A crown of thorns Thou wearest, My shame and scorn Thou bearest,
That I might ransomed be. My Bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling, From sin and guilt hast made me free.

Thy cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to Thee forever,
I am no longer mine. To Thee I gladly tender
All that my life can render And all I have to Thee resign.

PRAYER(S)

HYMN: 178 - *“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”*

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 24ff)

The Preface, The Sanctus (Pg. 26), The Lord’s Prayer, The Words of Institution, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei (Pg. 28).

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good.

We ask all communicants to speak to the pastor before coming forward for the sacrament, especially if you have not communed here before.

The Lord’s Supper will be received standing or kneeling before the communion railing. Communicants are asked to come forward together. Those who would like the common cup please indicate it to the pastor. Those who would like the individual cups please take one and then dispose of it in one of the small disposals near the front.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 755 – *“What Is This Bread?”*

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 29ff)

The Nunc Dimittis, The Thanksgiving; Prayer, “Amen.” The Salutation; The Benedicamus.

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) **“Amen, Amen, Amen.”**

CLOSING HYMN: 148:7-11 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1, 2020

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: *NT #23 – The Pharisee and the Publican*

Bible Class: *A Study of Our Enemy*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: *Sunday School Teachers, 7pm*

Wednesday: *Choir Practice 6pm; Midweek Lenten Service 7pm*

Thursday: *Confirmation 3pm*

Sunday: *Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am, Bible Study 10:50am*

GAME/SNACK DAY

Our February Game Day is complete. Our next Game/Snack Day will take place next Sunday March 8th at 3pm.

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE

The Church Choir continues practice this Wednesday at 6pm.

Finally, why will we want to READ the Bible? The Bible tells us of the origin of the world. It manifests to us the true God. We are surrounded in nature and in our conscience by the reality of God, but only through Scripture can we know our Savior from sin and know of the salvation Jesus won for us on the cross. The Word of Scripture is the foundation of saving faith, faith apart from which there is no salvation. To all who believe, the Bible opens the beauty of heaven in God's eternal presence. Bible Christians will read the Bible because, as Dr. Martin Luther said, "After all, no book, teaching, or word is able to comfort in troubles, fear, misery death, yea, in the midst of devils and in hell, except this book which teaches us God's Word and in which God Himself speaks with us as a man speaks with His friend" (*What Luther Says*, Vol. I, p. 63, para. 174). It truly is the *Book of Books* because it is God's Book. It is "The Best Book" because it is God's Book! *Read it,*

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4)

IS THE MOST SOLD BOOK THE MOST READ BOOK?

According to *The Economist*, over 100 million Bibles are sold or given away in the world every year. Moreover, the Bible is the best-selling book of the year, every year. In the United States, each year 20 million Bibles are sold. Two-thirds of Bible owners, regardless of religious affiliation, say that the Bible holds the meaning of life. Ninety-Two percent of Americans own at least one Bible. More than 66,000 people at any given time are using a Bible app (Source: BRANDONGAILLE Small Business and Marketing Advice 2017).

But what does it mean that the Bible is the best-selling book? The same internet source said that the most read verse is Isaiah 53:5: "But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." Nevertheless, a Gallup survey found that "less than 50% of Americans can name the first book of the Bible...Only 1 in 3 Bible owners know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount." Many named Billy Graham as the one who preached it. Twelve percent of respondents believed Noah married Joan of Arc. One-quarter do not know what is celebrated on Easter.

For many the attitude toward the Bible is perhaps best summed up by the commonly heard expression, "The Good Book." Since there are many good books and novels over the ages, it appears that the emphasis is on "*The*' Good Book." But then what is it that makes the Bible good? On the list of good books over the ages, what makes the Bible "*The*' Book of Books?"

Is one a Shakespeare scholar who has his works on the shelf but seldom, if ever reads them? What purpose does the Bible in the home serve if it is not read or studied? The Bible is not a good luck charm. It is not an object of idolatrous worship as mockers of the Bible suggest. To one who mocked, saying, "religious believers should worship God, not the books about God," we simply say, "Believers do not worship books about God; we worship the *Triune God* Who has revealed Himself in the Bible."

So let us ask ourselves some questions --

Who is the central focus of the Bible? "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **He [Jesus] expounded** to them in all the Scriptures **concerning Himself**" (Luke 24:27).

The Scriptures of Jesus' time were the Old Testament. Jesus began His ministry at about 30 years (Luke 3:23). The earliest book of the New Testament dates from about 45-48 AD. Christ Jesus is the focal point of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.

Who is the Author of the Bible? The Bible, though penned by men, was authored by the Lord God through His Spirit (Verbal inspiration). "All Scripture is *God-breathed*" (2 Timothy 3:16). "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the *Holy Spirit*" (2 Peter 1:21).

What is the Bible? The Bible *is* God's Word. God's Word is truth. "...Your Word is truth" (John 17:17). It is not the words which man's wisdom teaches, "*but which the Holy Ghost teaches*" (1 Corinthians 2:13). God's Word "is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

What personal use should we make of the Bible? The Bible is not a bookend. Using the Bible is more than leafing through it. It is more than perusing it. "*Search the Scriptures...*" (John 5:39). We are to teach the Bible faithfully to our children. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Why was the Bible revealed to us? "Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and *these are they which testify of Me*" (John 5:39). "... It is the power of God to salvation for everyone that believes" (Romans 1:16). "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, *that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God*" (1 John 5:13).

What are the chief doctrines (teachings) of the Bible? Law and Gospel.

a) **The Law** tells us what we are to do and not to do (Exodus 20). The Law exposes our sin. "... I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet'" (Romans 7:7). The Law condemns us, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a).

b) **The Gospel** (Good News) Shows us **our Savior**. The Gospel shows how our Savior took our sins, bore our punishment, took our unrighteousness and gave us His righteousness, reconciled us to the Father, by His resurrection restored life, and through His ascension has prepared a place in heaven for all who believe in Him. The confidence of God's love, and the understanding and hope in God is a matter of faith. Faith is born of the Gospel by the power of the Spirit Who gave and gives spiritual discernment through which we say, "I believe." "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast..." (Ephesians 2: 8-9). The Gospel is the message of life in Christ (Romans 6:23b).

What else does the Gospel do? The Gospel works within the believing heart the will, desire, and power to serve and please God. This is called *sanctification*. "This is the will of God your sanctification...for God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:3,7), "For we are *His* workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

By what is the Gospel known to us? The Gospel is called the Means of Grace. "The Means of grace are the vehicle by which the Spirit converts, saves, and preserves us in the faith. The Means of Grace are the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

a) **The Word of God** inspired, recorded, spoken, and read in the Bible.

b) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** is a visible means through which the Holy Spirit works with water and the Word, thus converting the heart. "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through *the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit*, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-5).

c) **The Sacrament of the Altar (Lord's Supper)** through which the Spirit seals to the penitent sinner the forgiveness of sins as we receive the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Real Presence). "This is My body and My blood...given and shed for you for the remission of sins." Where there is forgiveness of sins there is also life and salvation.