



## EASTER SEASON 2019

### *Reading through the Gospel of JOHN: "That you may believe."*



#### Share

highs and lows



#### Read

a Bible verse  
or story



#### Talk

about how the  
Bible reading  
might relate to  
your highs  
and lows



#### Pray

for one another's  
highs and lows



#### Bless

one another

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Easter Season, we'll read through the entire Gospel of John. John declared the purpose of his Gospel in chapter 20, verses 30 and 31:

*"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."*

Why the Gospel of John in the Easter season? Because LIFE is a key theme throughout his account. The season of Resurrection therefore seems a good time to read John. As you likely know, John is markedly different from the other three Gospel accounts. Scholar Robert Kysar writes: *"They are called the synoptic Gospels. This means that they have a common point-of-view, that they see their subject in a similar fashion. The Fourth Gospel is not synoptic, then, but sees its subject in a way which stands quite apart from its three colleagues in the Christian canon. If you will, the Fourth Gospel is a maverick among the Gospels."*

These new devos will take us through the 7 weeks of the Easter Season – April 21 through June 8.

#### For your DEVOTIONS:

On the back is a calendar of verses from John for each day of the Easter season. We invite you to read along in the context of the Faith 5, but however you read them, we hope they enrich your days!

Each Saturday we'll read Sunday's Gospel lesson to prepare us for worship.

I will continue to post daily verses & a short comment about each on **the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page** ([facebook.com/christlutheranchurchdubois](https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranchurchdubois)).

May your devotions be fruitful and your days blessed.

Peace+, Pastor Amy