



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

***“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. <sup>38</sup> Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? ...” John 18:37-38***

Pontius Pilate asks Jesus a question that certainly resonates with us today. In an age where there is great mistrust in the common sources of information, such as the media, government and the academy, we are quite interested in hearing the answer that Jesus might give. While Jesus does not respond to Pilate’s question during that interrogation, we can hear His answer throughout the Gospel of John. There are, in fact twenty-two references to the word “truth” in John’s Gospel.

Jesus Christ is not merely interested in the truth. He is the embodiment of truth.

***“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth....<sup>17</sup> For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” John 1:14, 17 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6***

As Christ prepares His disciples for His departure, He promises to send the “*Spirit of truth*” to guide them. The Spirit will do so by directing them to Christ.

***“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me...” John 15:26***

***“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” John 16:13***

To come to a proper and truthful understanding about ourselves, the world around us and even God Himself, we must hearken unto the voice of the Spirit of truth as He reveals Christ through the Holy Scriptures. Jesus Christ is the prism through which we can more fully see and engage the world. The author Paul Little writes, “*Throughout the ages, and perhaps especially today, it has been a great test of faith to believe that God is good. There is so much which suggests the contrary. Helmut Thielicke points out that fabric viewed through a magnifying glass is clear in the middle and blurred at the edges. But we know that the edges are clear because of what we see in the center. Life, he says, is like the fabric. There are many blurred edges which we do not understand, but they are to be interpreted by the clarity we see in the centre—the cross of Christ.*” It is in the Cross that speaks to us of the truth of God’s forgiveness, life and salvation.

May God grant us grace to continue to fix our eyes and hearts on the center of the fabric of our existence, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; <sup>32</sup> And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. <sup>33</sup> They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. <sup>35</sup> And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. <sup>36</sup> If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:31-36***

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



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<i>Tentative</i> Fall Class Schedule	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:30a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	Isaiah	New Testament Introduction	Isaiah	New Testament Introduction	Ephesians/ Colossians
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	New Testament Greek	Evangelism	New Testament Greek	Evangelism	New Testament Greek
11:00 - 11:50a.m.	New Testament Greek		New Testament Greek		New Testament Greek
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	Gospel of Mark				

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