



Announcements

March 31th, 2023

Welcome to Lighthouse!

Worship Registration Cards are located in the chair pockets in front of you. Please take time complete them and submit to a greeter or in the offering plate.

You can also go to our website at ***lbfchurch.org*** and complete a Connection Card online.



An artistic depiction of an open tomb. The large, heavy stone is rolled away from the entrance of the tomb, which is carved into a dark, rocky hillside. A bright, golden sun is rising directly behind the tomb's opening, creating a strong backlight effect and illuminating the interior of the tomb. The sun's rays create a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. In the distance, across a dark, silhouetted landscape, three crosses are visible against the horizon. The ground inside the tomb is uneven and rocky. To the right of the tomb's entrance, a white cloth lies on the ground. The overall scene is symbolic of the Easter story.

Christ is RISEN!



CREEDS

CONFESSION

Missional Communities

Wednesday at 6pm. We start with a communal meal, then transition to a time of study. We are currently going through an overview of creeds and confessions.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

**Last Monday of every month,
next on April 29th at 6pm.**

Join us as we pray for our nation, state, city, community, church, and loved ones. Meet in the church office. No need to RSVP.





Sunday School

Next one is April 7th.

Join us from 9am to 10am **every other week** for Sunday School. We are going through the Heidelberg Catechism. This class is designed for adults. Youth may attend with a parent. Meet in the church office.

Ladies Discipleship

Resumes this week.

Only two more meetings in this study. We meet in the church office at 6pm. Please contact Lisa Greatman at 209.489.4511 if you are interested in joining the last two days of the study.

ESTHER & RUTH

THE LORD DELIVERS AND REDEEMS

A 13-LESSON STUDY

REFORMED EXPOSITORY
BIBLE STUDY

JON NIELSON
and IAIN M. DUGUID

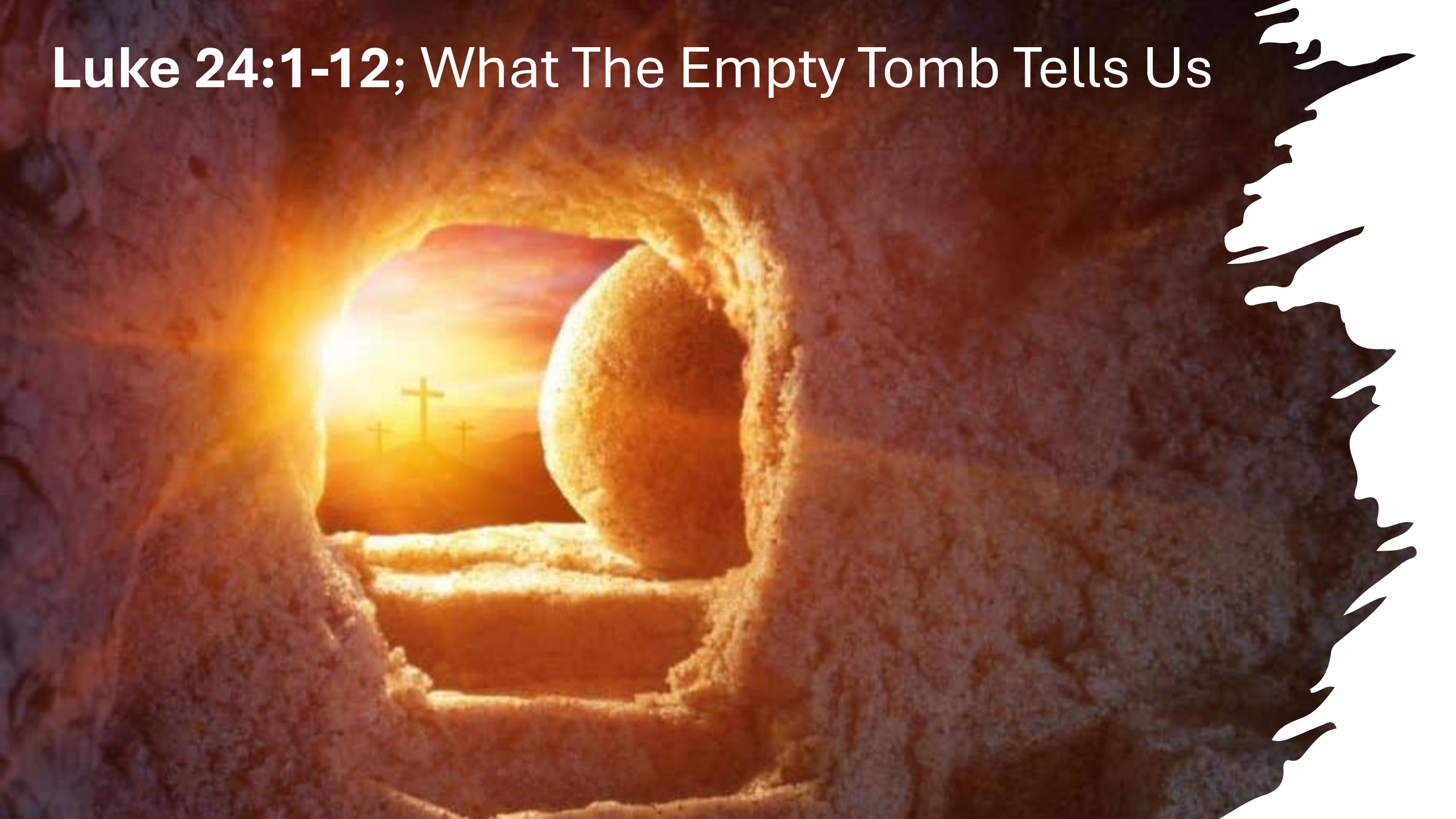
Cross Culture Faith Fest

May 5th 2:30pm-6:30pm

Join us in the church parking lot for a delightfully eclectic lineup of Christian artists, seeking to bring glory to Christ through music and the arts. Volunteers needed and vendors wanted. See PC for more info or details.





Luke 24:1-12; What The Empty Tomb Tells Us



Luke 9:¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, *“Who do the crowds say that I am?”*¹⁹ And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.”²⁰ Then he said to them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

Jesus Foretells His Death

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,²² saying, *“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”*

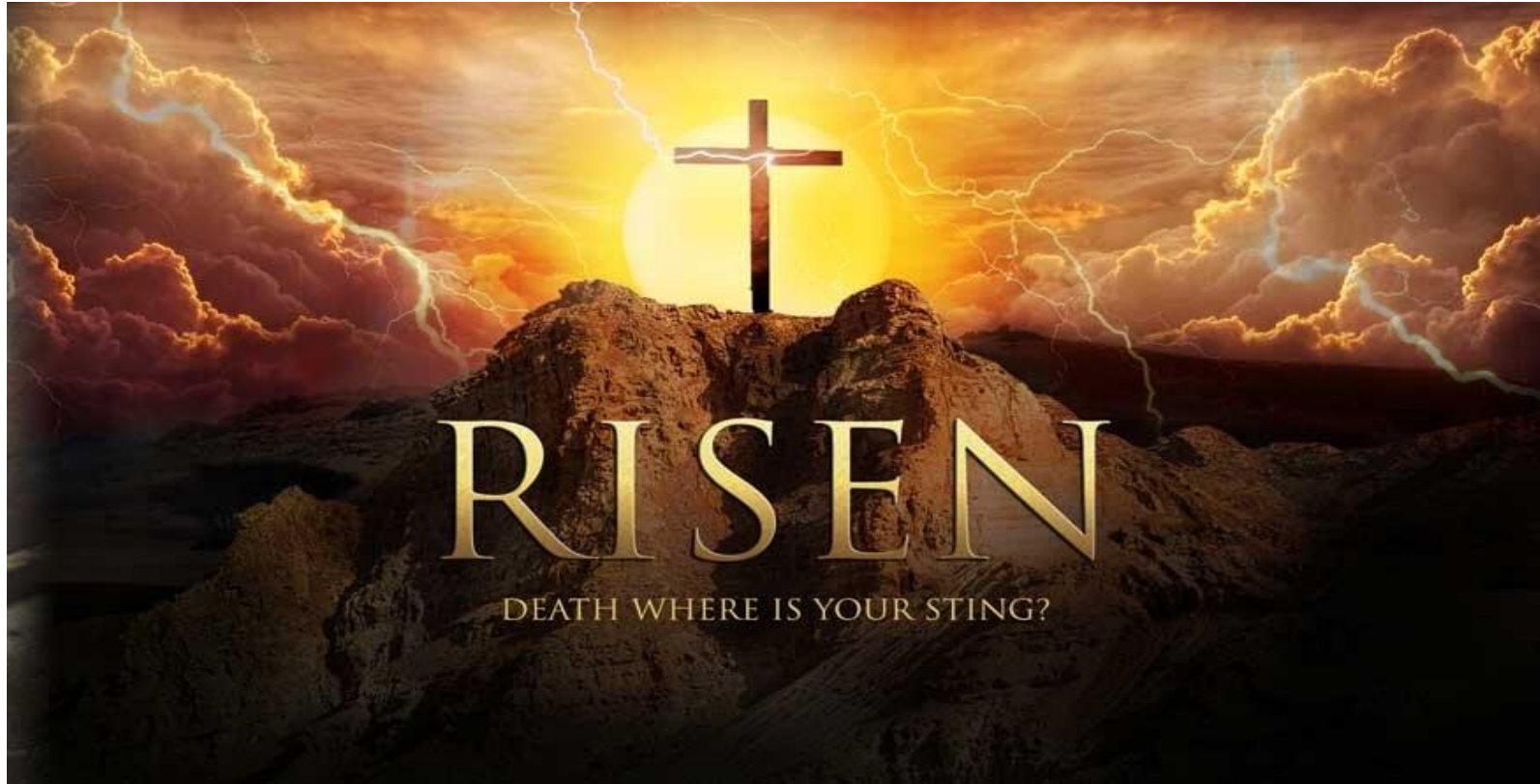


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1 Corinthians 15:⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Sin & Death Have Been Defeated!

1 Corinthians 15:¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

Our **FAITH** is **NOT** in vain!

Romans 4:²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

We are **JUSTIFIED** before God in CHRIST ALONE!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and
is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Resurrection

Luke 24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of

sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”
⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.



The stone was not rolled away to “let Jesus out.”

The stone was rolled away to allow His disciples in.

1 – JESUS IS GOD!

2 – Sin & Death have been defeated

3 – Our FAITH is not in vain

4 – We are JUSTIFIED before God in Christ ALONE

5 – JESUS IS KING!

A still life photograph of a communion set. In the center, a silver chalice with an ornate, embossed design stands on a white, textured cloth. To the left of the chalice, a large, round loaf of bread is broken into several pieces. The bread has a golden-brown crust and a soft, porous interior. The background is a solid, muted blue-grey color. The text "Confession & Communion" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, centered over the bread and chalice.

Confession & Communion

The Lord's Table = A means of God's grace, a blessed sacrament that reminds us of our assurance and His faithfulness, as well as unifies us to one another and Christ.

We welcome everyone to The Lord's table who are saved by Jesus Christ, baptized in the church, agree with the entirety of The Apostles' Creed, and seek to live in unity with the body of Christ.

If you are unsure or have any questions about taking communion with us, it is good to refrain. No one is watching. This is not a test. Please ask any questions after service. We'll be glad to explain our biblical views with you.

1 Corinthians 11:²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Silent Prayer & Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Our Assurance of Pardon!

Pastor - *Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

- Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

- Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

The Body/Bride of Christ responds in unison:

“Thanks be to God!”

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures
here below;

Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

Amen!



Hebrews 12:¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

JESUS IS KING!



Hebrews 13:²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



