



More than a decade ago, the total amount of digital information in the world first reached a zettabyte, or 1 billion terabytes. That's an amount of information so large that it boggles the mind. We have more information available in our pocket than people have had at any point in human history. Yet as we are reminded daily, not all of that information is trustworthy. Instead, we are plagued by misinformation and disinformation, and we often don't know where to turn.

Into this confusion, God has sent us one certain thing: His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross on Good Friday and was raised again three days later on Easter Sunday. Through these actions, He took away the sins of the entire world. He did all this for you and for me.

What's more, God tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). His truth is unchanging. It can't be altered by governments or fact-checkers or the changeable whims of culture. It's not like a Wikipedia page that can be different from one day to the next. In God's Word, we find a certainty that is available nowhere else.

That's why Christians stick to the Bible with its clear message of Christ crucified. It makes the wisdom of the world nothing.

"Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe" (1 Corinthians 1:20–21). We preach Christ, no matter who calls it folly.

And we know that the message of Jesus Christ is for every single person. Christ hung on the cross ... for you. Christ took His last breath ... for you. Christ conquered sin and death and was raised to life ... for you.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. No matter who calls it folly, it is the wisdom and the power of God Almighty. We preach Christ crucified. So, this Lent and every day, grab hold of Christ in His Word and gather with fellow believers around His altar.

The churches of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ today and always. Please join us this Lent at an LCMS congregation near you, as we celebrate God's love and forgiveness, which is only found in His Son.

In Christ Jesus,

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