



# Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, May 5, 2024

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:**

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

**Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy:** *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### Title: “Abiding in Christ’s Love”

**As We Gather:** A treasured children’s song, “I Love to Tell the Story,” has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: “I love to tell the story; ‘Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.” The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word “love” either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus’ words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the “others” beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the “old, old story of Jesus and His love” anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

### Prelude

### Welcome

### When I Behold Jesus Christ

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1 When I behold Jesus Christ,  
True God who died for me,  
I wonder much at His love  
As He hung on the tree.

**Refrain: What kind of love is this?  
What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there  
To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this?  
What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there  
To me on Calvary.**

2 For me You gave all Your love,  
For me You suffered pain;  
I find no words, nothing can  
Your selflessness explain. **(refrain)**

4 What love is this? Greater love  
No one has ever known.  
My life with God— this I owe  
To You, and You alone. **(refrain)**

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

*Silence for reflection*

**C** **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

**P** God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing The Peace of the Lord

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## + THE WORD +

### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### Where Charity And Love Prevail

*(tune: How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds)*

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

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### Sermon “CHOSEN IN / TO LOVE”

Pr. Jim Sprenkle  
John 15:9-17

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Tithes and Offerings

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

### **(8:30) I Am The Vine**

Music by Allen Pote

#### **Ascension Choir**

*I am the vine and you are the branches,  
Abide in Me and I will abide in you.  
Then you will bear much fruit,  
For without Me you can do nothing,  
Abide in Me and I will abide in you.*

*As the Father has loved Me,  
So I love you.  
Go then and love one another.  
Keep this commandment, for no greater love have you,  
Than to lay down your life for your friends.*

*I am the vine and you are the branches,  
Abide in Me and I will abide in you.  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
I am the vine, you are the branches,  
Go then and bear much fruit,  
Go abide in My love.*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity... Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We give You thanks for the joys and gifts You have blessed us with, and we pray for those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**(11:00am service, please turn to page 11 for the closing scripture.)**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body  
and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do  
not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **Oh, How He Loves You And Me**

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life, What more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there Brought hope from despair.  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life, What more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me!

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## Worthy Is The Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord.  
Thank You for the price You paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love You came and gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord. Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,  
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.  
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.  
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God.  
The Darling of heaven, crucified.  
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. (repeat from beginning)

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, once again You have welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament that we have now received may strengthen us so that we may abide in loving service day by day. Help us to live each day as Your chosen people who look upon others as You see them and love them as You love them. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Scripture

**P** Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** **In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia!**

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

### I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

### Refrain

**I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. **(refrain)**

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. **(refrain)**

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to John and Wendy Hazen for the beautiful Altar flowers  
in honor of Nichole and Lily's birthday to the glory of God.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# MAY 5, 2024

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## † ASCENSION DAY SERVICE MAY 9 AT 7:00PM

Forty days after Easter we celebrate the festival of the Ascension of our Lord. Join us as we worship our risen and ascended Savior with hymns of praise joined by our choir and handbells.

## † NETWORK IS COMING

3 Saturdays—May 11, 18, and 25-9:00am-12:00pm in the Community room.

Discovery tools and assessments will teach you to evaluate your spiritual gifts, personality, and passions for ministry.

Maybe you have already taken Network! You can take it again.

Contact Pr. Jim if you want to attend, as books need to be ordered (\$8.99 plus shipping if you wish to donate the cost.)

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## †† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAY 5– SATURDAY, MAY 11

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Mark Schieli	May 5	Hilary Sylvia	May 5
Rebecca Williamson	May 5	Karin Richardson	May 8

### BIRTHDAYS:

Wanda Cassetty	May 5	Millie Edwards	May 5
Lily Fogarty	May 5	Herb Hoefler	May 5
Esperanza Gutierrez	May 6	Samantha Cassetty	May 7
Nichole Fogarty	May 7	Mel Haggard	May 9
Becky Mora	May 9	Karla Deal	May 10
Jean Dillon	May 10	Carrie Graham	May 10
Jaden Mundo	May 11		

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

### PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Herb Hoefler, Debbie and Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Carol Hoefler, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Hatley, \*Lorraine Haggard, \*Carolyn Barendse. \*Home Bound.

### † PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call 503-665-8821.

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAY 5– SAT., MAY 11**

<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, May 6</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	7:00pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	7:00pm	Ascension Day Worship
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	9:00am	Network-1 <sup>st</sup> Class

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 12– SAT., MAY 18**

<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ communion
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ comm.
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	9:00am	Network-2 <sup>nd</sup> Class

**† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
 Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MAY 5, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	NEEDED	NEEDED
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Johnnie Driessner
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MAY 12, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
<b>Acolytes:</b>	NEEDED	NEEDED
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Randy Bryant (Assist.)	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney James Freeman Bob Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Hana Brandt and Gina Kreps

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## **Our Mission Statement:**

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## **Our Vision Statement:**

*“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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