

A person stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky transitions from deep orange near the horizon to a darker, cloudy blue at the top. The person is looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of mountains and valleys.

*Listen to
Him!*

TRANFIGURATION
SUNDAY

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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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 Lord's 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 Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's 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 comulgar 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.)*

(**P**) = Pastor, (**C**) = Congregation, (**A**) = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: “Made Even More Certain”

AS WE GATHER: We suppose He, Jesus, didn't have to do it— suddenly appear with His glorious divine nature shining through His human nature and clothing. No, He didn't have to do it for Himself, but He did it for that inner circle of the disciples and through their testimony also for us. Especially as we prepare to see His human suffering, betrayal, and humiliating death, our faith needs to be made even more certain. Certain of what? Certain that while Jesus is a human being like us, He is also and continues to be of one substance with God the Father, true God in the flesh. Because of who He is, Jesus will perfectly obey the Father's will, make full and sufficient payment to the Father for our sins by His suffering and sacrificial atonement, and provide victory over sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection from the dead. He is the content and substance of faith in each believer.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain”
(tune – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”)

Jesus take us to the mountain,
Where with Peter, James and John,
We are dazzled by Your glory,
Light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
By the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to hear there
That Your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from Heaven
Says of the Incarnate Word,
“Listen, listen, everyone,
This is My beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain
Where we see You glorified,
Where You shouted, “It is finished!”
Where for all the world You died.
Hear the stunned cen-tu-ri-on,
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We, who have beheld Your glory,
Risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story,
All that we have seen and heard,
Say with Peter, James and John,
You are God's beloved Son!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9

P Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
C **And we are His house.**

P "This is My Son, My Chosen One;
C **listen to Him!"**

P Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain;
C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

2 Peter 1:19

P That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.
C **We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all 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.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.

In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:8–18 (ESV)

⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

¹¹ And He did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16–21 (ESV)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS’ LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1–9 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

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

¹ And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

How Good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be!
We hail Your body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see Your kingdom come,
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since You bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

SERMON
“THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 17:1–9

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)

“We Are An Offering”

We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives,
they are Yours,
We are an offering.

All that we have,
All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
we give to You,
We give to You.

We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives,
They are Yours,
We are an offering,
We are an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dear heavenly Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His light and glory to Peter, James, and John. Embolden us to proclaim Christ's light and glory to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter, James, and John heard Your voice on the mountaintop. Help us to heed Your voice and Your Word that comes to us in the Scriptures. Strengthen us to listen to Your voice rather than the voice the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter reminds us that no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but all prophets are carried along by the Holy Spirit. Send Your Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify, and keep Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have shined the light of Christ on the world. Help us reflect Your light to those who are experiencing the darkness of the world. Bring community to the lonely, stability to those in transition, and safety to all those who have suffered abuse. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, recovering or grieving...Have mercy upon them. Heal and comfort them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You shower us with blessings beyond all measure, and we give You thanks as we lift up those who are celebrating this week, *especially*...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, give us faith and boldness to pray with confidence in Your name:
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.**

✠ 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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

(Refrain)

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro’ death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O’er us sin no more hath dominion –
For more than conqu’rors we are! **(Refrain)**

His Word shall not fail you – He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! **(Refrain)**

“Beautiful Savior” (contemporary)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! (chorus)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see your FIY for more information)

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

HYMN

“Lift Your Eyes And See The Glory”

(tune: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – *HYFRYDOL*)

Lift your eyes and see the glory,
Christ adorned in majesty,
Shining bright upon the mountain,
To the world, a mystery.
With the ancient prophets standing,
Christ appears in garments white,
Covered by a cloud of glory
Clothed to everlasting light.

Like a star, His face was shining,
He who was the Light of all,
And His faithful friends beheld it,
Filled with wonder and with awe.
From the sky, a voice was speaking:
“This is My beloved Son;”
Words fulfilling all the prophets,
Coming from the heart of God.

This our shout of acclamation:
Christ the Son is King of kings.
He is holy, He is worthy.
He is Lord of everything.

Glory, blessings, laud and honor
Be to Christ, the Lord of grace!
Fill your heart with alleluias.
Christ is worthy of all praise!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 19, 2023

† MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

The Mission Board is organizing a group of volunteers to serve once again at Clear Creek Middle School (219 NE 219th Avenue, Gresham) on Sat. Feb. 25 from 10:00am to 1:00pm, participating with SOLVE volunteers. Previously, we helped plant native species in the school's outdoor science education location. Now they request help to remove some invasive species (blackberries and Irish ivy). Let Herb Hoefler know if you would like to volunteer as a Christian witness in this community service event. Call 503-780-8033 or email, herbhoefler@gmail.com

† NEW! WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying Psalms starting with chapters 1 through 10. The first class on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 9:30am to 11:00am is hosted by Elly Brown, 214 NE 27th St Gresham. See you there! Contact Bonnie Webber, (503) 915-2771 or Elly Brown, (503) 674-8015 with any questions.

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 3

The Study will be on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30am until the season ends! Join us!

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Alma Bangs	Feb. 22	Bruce Blubaum	Feb. 24
Stan Chapulis	Feb. 24	Gabriel Woods	Feb. 24

BIRTHDAYS

Marcia Bryant	Feb. 19	Angel Mukul Aguilar	Feb. 23
Evan Kreps	Feb. 24		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, FEB. 19

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Riki Neagle
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Karon Keup
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup/Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, FEB. 22

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	NEEDED	John Hazen
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	None Needed
PowerPoint:	Michele Sprengle	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Carlyn Staudt	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Empty Altar	None
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 26

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Needed Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Needed
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldeisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Christian Freeman
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carol Hoefler
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Gertrude Bublies
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Jessica Brown, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Retired after 23 years of service
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);
Clayton Wright, Air Force — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 19 - SAT., FEB. 25

Sunday, Feb. 19	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday Feb. 20		NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Tuesday Feb. 21	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday Feb. 22	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, Feb. 23	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation
Saturday, Feb. 25	10:30am	The Chosen Three-Episode 2

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., FEB. 26 - SAT., MAR. 4

Sunday, Feb. 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Mar. 1	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	2nd Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Theme to come!
Thursday, Mar. 2	7:00pm	2nd Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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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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