



*Whoever does the  
will of God is **My**  
**brother** and **sister**  
and **mother**.*

Mark 3:35 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church and School  
Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 06, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

**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!

**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: “Whoever does the will of God”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

“Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother,” said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ’s death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God’s mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **HYMN**

#### **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

*(please stand)*

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod, And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe, Has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might, He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land, All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side, With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Let us reflect on these questions as suggested by Martin Luther:  
Do you believe that you are a sinner?  
**C** **Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.**

**P** How do you know this?  
**C** **From the Ten Commandments; these I have not kept.**

**P** Are you sorry for your sins?  
**C** **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

**P** What have you deserved of God by your sins?  
**C** **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

**P** Do you hope to be saved?  
**C** **Yes, such is my hope.**

**P** In whom do you trust?  
**C** **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** What has Christ done for you that you should trust in Him?  
**C** **He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

**P** What does Christ give you in the Sacrament?  
**C** **His true Body and Blood for the assurance of my forgiveness.**

**P** What do you owe Christ for all this?  
**C** **Such love demands my love, my life, my all.**

**P** Let us then pray and confess:  
**C** **Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Rejoice! I declare to You that because of Jesus' work on the cross and His promise given in His Word, your sins are forgiven and you are made right with God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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.  
Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through 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

### Genesis 3:8–15 (ESV)

(God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of the One to come who would restore them to Him.)

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

### 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (ESV)

(“We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”)

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20–35 (ESV)

("Who are My mother and My brothers?")

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup> Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

<sup>21</sup> And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, "He is out of His mind." <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons He casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup> And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." <sup>31</sup> And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You." <sup>33</sup> And He answered them, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

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

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

## HYMN

**"Spirit Of Wisdom And Power"**  
(*tune: Come Thou Almighty King*)

Spirit of wisdom and power,  
Protect us in this hour,  
Of dreadful strife;  
When scoffing lips surround  
And righteousness confound,  
When fear and hate abound,  
Be our strong tower.

Darkness advances apace:  
See, boldly sin is praised  
And good reviled;  
O give us hearts to fight  
For holiness and right,  
Enabled by Your might,  
Wisdom and grace.

Protect Your children from ill,  
Be their defender still,  
Give them Your light;  
Immerse them in Your Word,  
From them may truth be heard,  
Let them Your Spirit gird  
To do Your will.

**SERMON**

**“TURNING THE TABLES”**

**Mark 3:20–35**  
**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

**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)**

**“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
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Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.



And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks. Give thanks.

**(11:00)**

**"THIS DAY I PRAISE the LORD"**

Words: German – Johann Ludwig Uhland

English – Patrick M. Liebergen

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

**Barb Greco and Brad Hall - duo**

Das ist der Tag des Herrn, das ist der Tag des Herrn.  
Ich bin allein auf weiter Flur. Noch eine Morgen glocke nur,  
Nun Stille nah und fern, nun Stille nah und fern.

Anbetend knie' ich hier, Anbetend knie' ich hier.  
O süßes Grau'n! Geheimes Weh'n! Als knieten Viele ungeseh'n  
Und beteten mit mir, und beteten mit mir.

Der Himmel nah und fern, der Himmel nah und fern,  
Er ist so still und feierlich, So ganz als wollt'er öffnen sich.  
Das ist der Tag des Herrn, das ist der Tag des Herrn.

This day I praise the Lord, This day I praise the Lord.  
Out in the meadow I'm alone. I hear the morning-bell's loud tone,  
In silence He's adored, in silence He's adored.

I sing for all to hear; I sing for all to hear:  
This wondrous morn! It stirs my song! Like people praying all day long  
And know the Lord is near; and know the Lord is near.

The sky so far and near; the sky so far and near,  
Great is the stillness of that sight, Like it would show the Lord's own light.  
Sing, the Lord's day is here, sing, the Lord's day is here.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Having heard the call of God's grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer.*

- P** Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless the fruits of the earth and those who tend the fields on our behalf, bless all honest labor and industry, and give inspiration and grace to those who serve us with the arts and music. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope. We especially pray for... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We give You thanks for the gifts You bestow on us and on those who are celebrating this week... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**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.**

(11:00 service, please turn to page 13 for the Benediction)

## ✠ 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 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.**

**DURING THE DISTRIBUTION**

**“Eat This Bread”**

**(Refrain)**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

This is His body given for you;  
this is His blood that was shed for you. **(refrain)**

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you show His death until He comes again. **(refrain)**

Eat His flesh and drink His blood,  
and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. **(refrain)**

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **(refrain)**

If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. **(Refrain)**

**“Taste and See”**

**(Refrain)**

**Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for God has been so good to me. **refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. **(refrain)**

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. **(refrain)**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## HYMN

### “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your power;  
Crown Your ancient church’s story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo the hosts of evil ‘round us, Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You, Whom we adore, Serving You, Whom we adore.

## DISMISSAL

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

**G** Thanks be to God!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**June 6, 2021**

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### † HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you are coming to service, think about offering to be a servant during worship. Tell Pastor or Michele where you can help!

### † 2021 FLOWER CHART AVAILABLE

Sign up early to get your special date! The new flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the hallway by the mailboxes. Please sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of your special date. Thanks, Your Altar Guild.

### † C-101

Insights into Christianity (new members and all are invited) – There will be 6 classes on Wednesdays beginning June 2 through July 7 from 6:30-7:30pm.

### † NETWORK DISCOVERY CLASSES

What are your spiritual gifts? How do you fit into the body of Christ? Come and learn about all of this and more. Saturdays, 11am to noon, June 5 through July 31 (no class July 17) - reserve your spot now!

### † NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Join us in welcoming our new members on Sunday, June 13 at the 8:30am service.

### † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carolyn Erdmann, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, The Family of Jack Webber, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, John Eilers and Family, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis EilersRich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubbaum, Judy Blubbaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);  
Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);  
Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
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 — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

## † MILESTONES

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Van Sooter 6/8

### BIRTHDAYS

Kaydence Altizer	6/6	Justino Gamboa	6/6
Wyatt Brown	6/7	Carolyn Haase	6/7
Mariah Hart	6/9	Sue Wentela	6/11

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Christine Freeman Jun 12, 1999

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## EVENTS AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, June 6

8:30am Worship with Communion  
9:45am Adult Education  
11:00am Worship

#### Events Coming up

June 19 – 8:30am to 12:00pm – Church work party  
June 26 – 10:30 am to 12:00pm – LWML Meeting

### NEXT WEEK

#### Tuesday, June 8

6:00pm Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 9

6:30pm C-101 Insights to Christianity

#### Friday, June 11

6:30pm Noche Familiar

#### Saturday, June 12

11:00am Network Discovery Class

#### Sunday, June 13

8:30am Worship -New Member Reception  
9:45am Adult Education  
11:00am Worship with Communion

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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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