



*When the fullness
of time had come,*

God sent forth His Son

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, December 28, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 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.*)

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “A SON AND HEIR OF GOD”

AS WE GATHER: To the rest of the world, we are simply people with a different faith, but we have an identity that is unique: We are God’s children, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” As He did with our forebears, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, He remembers His covenant. Even when danger threatens, as it did for the holy family, He is with us to protect and guide us. In fact, we are not only God’s children; with Jesus, His only-begotten Son, we are also heirs of the promise, which He kept for us. That is merry news indeed!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“From East to West”

LSB 385

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore
Let ev’ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world’s creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares,
His fallen creatures all to save.
- 4 And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- △ 5 All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to You, O Virgin-born,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111:1-6

- P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
- C** in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
- C** studied by all who delight in them.
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
- C** and His righteousness endures forever.
- P** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
- C** the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
- C** He remembers His covenant forever.
- P** He has shown His people the power of His works,
- C** in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Galatians 4:4; Isaiah 63:14

- P** O Lord God, we confess that while we speak of preparing for what the apostle Paul calls 'the fullness of time,' we do not always live as those who are truly prepared.
- C** Forgive our impatience for taking matters into our own hands, forgive our not trusting that You are in control of all things, and forgive our failing to acknowledge You above all else.
- P** We confess, O Lord, that unlike obedient Joseph, we have not always listened to Your commands and instructions.
- C** Forgive our desire to be in control rather than listening to Your Word and will.
- P** We confess, O Lord, that we have kept our faith to ourselves.
- C** Forgive our failure to ask You for guidance each day, and forgive our seeking to be like everyone else, rather than trusting You.

P Forgiveness has been won for you! The babe born in Bethlehem is the only-begotten Son of God and your elder Brother. The Spirit urges you to cry, "Abba! Father!" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

Heavenly Father, although we are fallen creatures, You have shown us Your great love. Grant us to see Your Son, Jesus Christ, as both our Lord and our Brother and to call to You as dear children speak to their loving Father; 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

Isaiah 63:7-14 (ESV)

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that He has granted them according to His compassion,
according to the abundance of His steadfast love.

⁸For He said, "Surely they are My people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And He became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction He was afflicted,
and the angel of His presence saved them;
in His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved His Holy Spirit;
therefore He turned to be their enemy,
and Himself fought against them.

¹¹Then He remembered the days of old,
of Moses and His people.

Where is He who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of His flock?

Where is He who put in the midst of them
His Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused His glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for Himself an everlasting name,

¹³who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So You led Your people,
to make for Yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

P When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

C **“Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him.”**

P And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,

C **“Out of Egypt I called My son.”**

P Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

C **“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”**

P But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

C **“Rise, take the child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”**

P And he rose and took the child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER AND LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

- 1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

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SERMON "HEIRS OF GOD"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
 Galatians 4:4-7

APOSTLES' CREED - SECOND ARTICLE

- P** Let us confess together the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
- P** Lord Jesus, as Peter declared, so we declare, "You are the Messiah, sent from God!"
- C** He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
- P** Jesus, You are Son of Man and Son of God, fully human and fully Divine.
- C** He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
- P** In our place, Jesus, You were made sin, and for a terrible, excruciating time You were forsaken by the Father.
- C** He descended into hell.
- P** The victory You won over sin, death, and the devil You now bestow upon all who believe in You.
- C** On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- P** You are the Resurrection and the Life!
- C** He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- P** You are King of kings and Lord of lords. We await the day of Your coming!
- C** **Thank You for the cross, Lord Jesus. By Your death we have eternal life. You are the Messiah, sent from God! 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.)

“Emmanuel”

(11:00)

A. Gullahorn, H. Kerr, J. Phillips
Alexa Sprengle, solo

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us go to our heavenly Father in prayer.
- For the church, that the news of Christ’s birth among us would bring joy to many people, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have rebelled against all that our caring God has lavished upon them and that He would open their hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have not heard about Jesus’ birth, about our Savior’s willingness to be a servant of the Most High, or about their own salvation, that God would surround them with people of faith and the Gospel Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who tend fields, raise animals, distribute food, that they recognize that they work to alleviate hunger and do what pleases our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the leaders of the nations, those who bear arms, and all who run toward harm to help those who need aid and rescue, that they stop at nothing to establish and maintain peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those near and dear to us, that God would alleviate suffering and pain, sadness and grief in their lives...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who celebrate this week...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of our elder Brother and Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 14 for closing Scriptures.)

+ 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 on the cup
return table.)*

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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

“I Come To The Cross”

I come to the cross Seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross Where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness And into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price For my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

I come to the cross Seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross Where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness And into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price For my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

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"Surely The Presence of the Lord"

Chorus

**Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace;
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place.**

In the midst of His children
The Lord said He would be;
It doesn't take very many,
It can be just two or three,
And I feel that same sweet Spirit
That I've felt oft times before,
Oh, surely I can say
I have been with the Lord. **(chorus)**

There's a holy hush around us
As God's glory fills this place;
I've touched the hem of His garment
And I can almost see His face,
And my heart is overflowing
With the fullness of His joy.
I know without a doubt
That I have been with the Lord. **(chorus)**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You sent to earth Your only-begotten Son. By His entry into human existence, open our hearts and eyes to see that You are indeed our heavenly Father and we are heirs of Your gracious promise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given;

C and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

P And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C Mighty God,

P Everlasting Father,

C Prince of Peace.

P Sing to the LORD a new song,

C for He has done marvelous things!

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.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389

- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav’n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.

2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.

3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.

4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

G Thank be to God!

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† THANK YOU FROM HUMAN CARE BOARD

Thank you for your generous donations! We received \$371.55 for My Father's House adult Christmas stockings. This year, 22 stockings were filled with winter hats and gloves, personal care items, prayer cubes, Christian refrigerator magnets, a \$5 coffee card, and small gifts—ornaments for the women and flashlight keychains for the men—along with a protein bar and a peppermint stick. Your kindness made this outreach possible.

† INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ALTAR GUILD?

We are seeking new members to join our Altar Guild—as a member, you will participate approximately one time per month in meaningful activities such as setting up communion, rotating the colors for paraments and banners, and decorating the altar to reflect calendar changes throughout the church year. We warmly invite you to become a part of our team. Interested? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Virginia Jacobs for details.

† IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP

Real conversations. Real faith. Real brothers in Christ. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend! The next Iron Men will meet Saturday, January 24 at 8:00am in the Community Room.

† THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

This 60-voice non-denominational choir will present its annual Christmas/Epiphany concert on Sunday, January 4 at 4:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, 97217). The concert is open to all. There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be collected.

† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, January 9 we will have our youth and family night. There will be a potluck dinner, music and board games. Bring one you like to play if you want!

† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will resume our Bible Study on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, with lesson 4. See you then!

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Regan, Diane, Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Marla Graber, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle,

Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, The family of Jerry Bangs,
*Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Fogarty, *Mel and Lorraine
Haggard. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci
McInaney)
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., DEC. 28, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard	Matthias McInaney John Aden
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	John Hazen
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Virginia Jacobs	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School:	Hana and Gina	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Rich Bartell Stan Chapulis	Marcus Young Don Brown
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Heather Gulde
Readers:	Peggy Hall	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	
Sunday School:	Audrey and Carolyn	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 28–SAT., JAN. 3, 2026

Sunday, Dec. 28	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Dec. 29	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 31	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Worship
Thursday, Jan 1	All Day	Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	NO Praise Team
	7:00pm	NO Choir Practice

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 4–SAT., DEC 10, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 4	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Jan. 5	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan 6	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Thursday, Jan 8	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night

MILESTONES – Sunday, Dec. 28 through Sat., Jan. 3

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Frances Rippon	Dec. 28	Mae Smith	Dec. 28
Virginia Hunt	Dec. 29	Judy Davis	Dec. 1956
Dave Stabenow	Dec. 1936	Kim Driessner	Jan. 1
Lorraine Haggard	Jan. 1	Elliot Noonan	Jan. 2

BIRTHDAYS:

Kim Driessner	Dec. 28	Debbie Noonan	Jan. 2
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mel and Lorraine Haggard	Dec. 29, 1956
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Attendance

Sunday, Dec. 21	8:30am	54
	11:00am	48
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	7:00pm	137
Christmas Day 10:00am	10:00am	37
TOTAL		

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

November General Fund Tithes	\$ 42,820.52
November Expenses	<u>\$ 32,231.03</u>
Difference	+ \$ 10,589.49
Year-to-Date General Fund Tithes	\$ 186,794.75
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 171,627.16</u>
Difference	+ \$ 15,167.59

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

<i>November Dedicated Offerings</i>	\$ 13,803.75
<i>Year-to-Date Dedicated Offerings</i>	\$ 41,947.37



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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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