



“Who is my neighbor?”

Ascension Lutheran Church and School
“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

July 10, 2022

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022**

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 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.)*

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: “Holy God, Holy People, Holy Lives, Holy Love”

AS WE GATHER: To come into the presence of our holy God, we must also be holy. We know there is a problem with that: we most certainly are not holy. All of us daily fall short of God’s expectations for our lives and fail to keep His commands. Instead of being in His presence, we deserve to be banished from His holy face. And yet, in His holy love, our God provides the means by which sinners, like us, can stand in the presence of a perfect God, like Him. That means is the forgiveness of sins that comes through the perfect sacrifice offered before the Father. Fulfilling all the promises of the Old Testament, and by the system of sacrifice that previewed His work upon the cross, God’s holy Son, Jesus Christ, “delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us” to God’s kingdom (Colossians 1:13). In this Kingdom, this gathering of God’s people, our holy God calls us to holy lives of love and worship that we offer up in His holy house today.

PRELUDE

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

“I Come To The Cross”

“We Have Come Into His House”

sung by the Ensemble

WELCOME

SONG

“As The Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

(Chorus)

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. **(chorus)**

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye. **(chorus)**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the peace and love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy!**
- P** For the gift of love from above and for the salvation of all who trust in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy!**
- P** For His love to fill the whole world as the Church of God walks in unity and proclaims the message of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy!**
- P** For our congregation, for its labors of love, and for all who offer in this holy house their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 41:4; Leviticus 18:4; Colossians 1:10, 12–14; Luke 10:27

- P** As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
C **heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

In silent prayer, we come before our merciful Lord for His healing forgiveness.

- P** Holy God, You have commanded us: “You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.”

- C** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

- P** “Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

- C** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

- P** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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** As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give thanks to the Father, “who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” 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.

Holy Lord, in Your deep compassion You rescue and restore us as Your holy people.

C **Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18 (ESV)

(The Lord instructs us to keep His statutes and live a life of love.)

¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God.³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

⁹”When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹”You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³”You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵”You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷”You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1–14 (ESV)

(We live by faith in Christ Jesus; love for all the saints.)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Herb Hoefler

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

(The good Samaritan shows love for his neighbor.)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead."³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN

"Where Charity And Love Prevail"

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

SERMON

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

Luke 10:25-37
Pr. Herb Hoefler

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.)

“For Those Tears I Died”

Ensemble

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Fellow redeemed, we have been made holy by the blood of Jesus and have been called into His eternal kingdom. Let us then lift our prayers before our holy God, trusting that He hears and answers us for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy God, our Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You have shown to us. We have not lived the lives of holiness You require, choosing to put ourselves first instead of fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. And yet You transfer the holiness of Your Son to us as we trust in Him as our Lord and Savior.

C **Your name be holy among us as we live our lives for Your glory!**

P Lord Jesus, You reign at the Father's right hand as King of kings and Lord of lords. As You minister to us now by Your Holy Spirit, working through the means You have established, Your kingdom breaks into our world and touches our lives with Your love.

C **Your name be holy among us as we share in the blessings of Your kingdom!**

P Your will, O Lord, is for all people to know You and confess You as their holy God. Send Your Church into every corner of this world that the Great Commission be accomplished as people of every nation are baptized in Your name and taught the fullness of Your Word. Lead, guide, and bless our congregation—along with all churches and workers in Your kingdom—that we dedicate our lives to sharing the Good News of Christ. Loving You, grant that we also love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby revealing Your Son to the world He died to save.

C **Your name be holy among us as we walk according to Your gracious will!**

P Giving Lord, You provide daily bread to all Your creation. Help us to receive with thanksgiving every blessing Your hand provides. As stewards of Your good gifts, grant that we be wise managers of what rightfully belongs to You. Sharing with our neighbors in need, grant that Your love be extended through our generosity.

C **Your name be holy among us as we receive our daily bread with thanksgiving!**

P Gracious Father, You give the healing balm of Your forgiveness to all who cling to Your Son by faith. Bless those who stand in need of spiritual healing and also those who cry out for relief from their physical suffering, *especially*...We entrust all those in need to Your healing care.

C **Your name be holy among us as we experience Your forgiveness and healing!**

P Lord God, You give each of us the gift of life to treasure, the gifts of faith and salvation in our baptism, and many other milestones in this life. We lift to You those who celebrate this week...

C **Your name be holy among us as we praise You for all Your good and perfect gifts!**

P Blessed Redeemer, You have rescued us from the domain of sin and death by Your death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave! Satan stands defeated because You live and reign to all eternity. We give You all praise and glory for the work You have done to lead us away from temptation, to deliver us from the evil one, and to transfer us into Your eternal kingdom. By Your grace, through faith in You alone, we receive the gifts that You pour out upon us as we stand in Your holy presence.

C **Your name be holy among us as we stand in Your victory!**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, for Yours alone is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.

C **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us 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.**

(8:30am service, please turn to page 15 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 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

(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Let It Be Said Of Us”

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev’ry cross we were given,
That we fought the good fight, That we finished the course,
Knowing within us the pow’r of the risen Lord.

(Chorus)

**Let the cross be our glory, And the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, By the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory, And the Lord be our song,
‘Til the likeness of Jesus Be through us made known,
Let the cross be our glory, And the Lord be our song.**

Let it be said of us we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness,
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body, that Christ would be seen by all. **(chorus)**

“Grace Alone”

Ev'ry promise we can make,
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb,
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

(chorus)

**Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide,
Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.**

Ev'ry soul we long to reach,
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say,
Ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace. **(chorus)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the saving gift of Your holy Son's body and blood.

C **By Your mercy, enable us to love You with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves;**

P 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

HYMN **“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”**

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

DISMISSAL

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

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JULY 10, 2022

† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

Our Next Class is Saturday, July 23 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16

Sunday, July 10	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday July 12	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday July 13	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, July 15	1:00pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, July 16	8:30am	Church Workday

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, July 17 – Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 17	8:30am	Worship w/communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday July 19	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday July 20	11:0am	CareConnect
	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, July 22	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday July 23	10:30am	The Chosen Season 2 Begins

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Jan Oswald	7/10	Sue Wentela	7/10
Haylee Harris	7/12	Dave Oswald	7/15

BIRTHDAYS:

Travis Osgood	7/10	Leone Walton	7/11
Danny Graham	7/14	Greg Zahm	7/16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

P. Jim and Michele Sprengle July 10, 1994
 Mike and Linda Fogarty July 12, 1980
 Harold and Sue Lewis July 14, 2007

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl	John Knoke Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Taylor Osgood
PowerPoint:	John Hazen	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Julie Williamson
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup / Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Dave Oswald
Acolytes:	Jaden Mundo	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Jaden Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jim Eckart	J. E. Knox
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Gina Kreps, The family of Shorty Bauch, Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

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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