



What We Believe:

We believe in the Triune God – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge one God in three persons.

We believe that God the Father created the universe. He is loving, compassionate, just and full of grace. His deepest desire is to live in a vital and authentic relationship with all people.

We believe that, because of his desire to live in relationship with us, God became a human being. Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, is fully God and fully human. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus made it possible for all people to live in a relationship with God. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through him and him alone can people enter into a relationship with God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Through him, Jesus loves us, empowers us and lives in us. The Spirit gives gifts to all believers. These gifts of the Spirit are meant to be used for the building up of the Body of Christ and for loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus.

We believe that the church, be it a local congregation or the worldwide fellowship of believers, is the Body of Christ. The Church is God's love organized. As his Body, we are called to worship him, serve him and be the vehicle through which the Good News in its fullness is shared with the world. We affirm and identify with the confessions of the Lutheran Church. We affirm the centrality of grace alone, faith alone and word alone.

We believe in, and practice, the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

We believe that through the waters of Baptism, God reaches out to us with a promise of new life by calling us into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is through faith alone in Jesus Christ that we are saved. That relationship leads us into eternal life with God. We affirm the Baptism of infants. We also welcome and rejoice when adults are baptized as they seek to mark their new life in Christ. We believe that through the Lord's Supper, God comes to love us and forgive us. It is a meal of renewal. Jesus is really present in the meal.

We believe we are created in the image of God, male and female with a divine capacity to love. Being created male and female represents God's design and purpose; therefore we preach and teach the orthodox Biblical understanding of marriage, which states a sexual relationship belongs only inside the boundaries of marriage between one man and one woman in a life-long committed, monogamous relationship.

To encourage all people to know the love of Christ.

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We believe in the worth and value of each and every human being. Created in God's image, all human life has dignity. Because God sees humanity as worth dying for, we affirm and acknowledge the dignity of all human life. At the same time we acknowledge that humankind is separated from God because of sin. We joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through whom forgiveness is possible, for there is more mercy in God than sin in us. It is that forgiveness that restores fallen humankind's worth, redeeming us and leading us towards transformation, becoming the person God wants us to become.

We believe in and anticipate the return of Jesus Christ. Though we don't know the day or hour, we joyfully proclaim his anticipated return inspiring all people to make the most of their life today.

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