



Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 8:30am Worship

PENTECOST

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 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.)*

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: “Restoration through the Spirit”

As We Gather: The Day of Pentecost is more connected to Easter than to the Sundays after Pentecost. It is the fiftieth day of Easter, marking the new dawn under the guidance of the Spirit. The Lord works through the preached Gospel and our life together as the baptized around His Table to deliver what He has promised. Thus the ministry of the Spirit is not some ethereal reality experienced in our feelings but the concrete reality of the Word spoken into our ears to bring forth faith and the body and blood of Jesus received by faith in Holy Communion. This is the way the Spirit continues to work in us and for us and we continue to receive His ministry by faith and to celebrate this with great joy.

Prelude

Welcome

Descend, O Holy Spirit

tune: Jerusalem, the Golden

Descend, O Holy Spirit,
Descend on us we pray
And bless us with Your presence,
Renewed in us today.
A fervent intercessor
Before the Father's throne,
Your gentle supplications
Make our petitions known.

Descend, O Holy Spirit,
Let healing water flow
To comfort those in mourning,
A solace to the soul;
A fountain in the desert,
The water of Your Word,
Anointed with Your power,
The sweetest message heard.

Descend, O Holy Spirit,
Descend in tongues of fire
And fill us with great power,
Your will is our desire.
Oh make our hearts an altar,
Consumed by holy flame
To draw the soul held captive
To faith in Jesus' name.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, Text Michaelae Murphy, Music: Alexander Ewing, Text © Copyright 1994 by GPH.

Invocation

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

Opening Scripture

John 7:37–39a

- P** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
- C** **Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’.**
- P** Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Spirit Of The Living God

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Restore us, O Lord, God of our salvation, that we who were held captive in sin and marked for death may show forth the fullness of Christ's light and life, and, led by the Spirit, be brought to everlasting life; 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 +

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

L ¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

C **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”**

L ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

C **“What does this mean?”**

L ¹³But others mocking said,

C **“They are filled with new wine.”**

L ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ **“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;**

¹⁸**even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.**

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes,
the great and magnificent day.
²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning...

^{4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.

- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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Sermon "HELP!"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
John 15:26-27; 15:4b-15

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and Explanation

- P** As we celebrate the Lord pouring out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we join in confessing the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, as well as its explanation from Luther's Small Catechism.

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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.)

Prayer of the Church

P Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through Christ, our hope of glory.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

(A prayer for our confirmands)

P Heavenly Father, we raise our confirmands to You this day. We rejoice in their faith journey and ask You to be their guide, guardian, and help. Let them feel the love of their church family as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Reveal to them Your plan – Your good, perfect, and pleasing will – for their lives. Surround them with Your Holy Spirit, and may Your Word, Jesus, be the rock on which they stand that others may see and know Him through their lives.

C **Grant them the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. We pray for...Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for all the blessings being celebrated this week...Lord, we pray:

C **Grant us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

C **In the name of Jesus we pray. 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.**

+ 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 +

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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Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart And satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole. (chorus)

(Chorus)

**Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.**

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender
To His name.
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (chorus)

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we give You thanks and praise that You have restored us as Your own children and brought us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. By Your Holy Spirit continue in us that which You have begun and use us by Your grace to serve Your purpose in life and to rest in Your grace in death, when we shall behold Your unveiled glory and see You face to face; 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.

C Amen.

Announcements

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

Pentecost Hymn

tune: Immortal, Invisible

You've poured out Your Spirit, Great Father of Life,
Your presence, Your power, the Spirit of Christ,
The fruit of His triumph, the breath of His love,
The proof He has risen and reigns now above.

Your promise is given in wind and in flame,
With lives now ignited to burn in Your name.
Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,
Your body, Your people are one, Lord, in You.

We praise You, our Father, the Fountain of Life,
For comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.
In love we will share all the gifts You provide
That all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding. Our calling is clear:
To live out a gospel the needy can hear.
Lord, help us to go till all people have heard
And touch every life with the love of the Lord.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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Congratulations to our 2024 CONFIRMANDS

Celebrating Confirmation at the 11:00 Worship Service

Antonio Francisco Brown

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)*

Audrina Trevino

My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. *John 10:27-28 (NIV)*

† LWML ANNOUNCEMENT

The Oregon District LWML is collecting “Art and Craft Supplies” for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities living at the AbleLight Group Homes in Oregon. Please drop off items listed on the LWML bulletin board prior to June 12, and place them in the LWML basket in the NE corner of our Narthex. We will deliver them this summer.

† THANKS FROM BOB AND DEBBIE REKDAHL

Thank you for your prayers, beautiful cards and time!

Dear friends and family, we want to thank you all for your prayers, love, caring, encouragement, time, and beautiful cards throughout this journey we have been on. This was definitely a wake-up call for care-givers, too. Words do not begin to convey how grateful we are for each one of you. We covet your prayers and know God listens. He has truly blessed us. May He bless you all!

† THANKS TO MARK WHEELER

Thanks to Mark Wheeler and his son for making the new mailbox next to the Community Room entrance. It is now inside the gate and is a safer way for us to get our mail. God bless you for making this for us!

† LUTHERAN WITNESS – RENEWAL BY JULY 15

All Lutheran Witness subscriptions must be renewed with notification to the office or by adding your name to the sheet provided in the Narthex. Please write all the information clearly so that it will be delivered to the right address. If you have not already made your payment, you may place your \$21 in the offering plate clearly marked “Lutheran Witness”. Again, past subscriptions are no longer valid, you must renew to continue receiving the magazine.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Debbie and Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb Hoefler and Carol Hoefler, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant’s brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob’s brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez’ mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *Home Bound.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAY 19– SAT., MAY 25

Sunday, May 19	8:30am	Worship with Communion
<i>Pentecost and</i>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
<i>Confirmation</i>	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, May 21	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, May 22	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
Thursday, May 23	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Friday, May 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, May 25	9:00am	Network - 3 rd Class

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 26– SAT., JUNE 1

Sunday, May 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Voters' Assembly
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ comm.
Wednesday, May 29	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
Thursday, May 30	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, May 31	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MAY 19, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder Neil Zeller NEEDED	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Johnnie Driessner Paul Walter
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Peggy Hall	Johnnie Driessner
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Altar Guild
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MAY 26, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Lily Hodges
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Paul Walter
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Celia Kreps
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham

† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAY 19– SATURDAY, MAY 25

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Karon Keup	May 19	Paul Walter	May 19
Hana Laughton	May 20		

BIRTHDAYS:

Gertrud Bublies	May 19	Justino Gamboa	May 21
Rosemary Knox	May 21	John Knoke	May 22
Maxine Markwart	May 24	Mike Potter	May 24
Gabriel Woods	May 25		

WEDDINGS:

None

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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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