



God shows
His love
for us in that
while we were
still sinners,
Christ died
for us.

Romans 5:8

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, February 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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: “A Profound Reality”

As We Gather: We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ’s love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

Prelude

Welcome

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness, Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

- P** Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.
- C** It is a journey marked with suffering,

- P** but suffering produces endurance.
- C** Endurance produces character.

- P** Character produces hope,
- C** and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We often look at the sins of others without considering our own. We struggle to understand our own brokenness, and what You have done through Jesus to bring us forgiveness. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.

- P** At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to 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. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive, Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756
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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for us who
 are weak and ungodly. Be present with us as we endure the
 sufferings of this world, so that we may learn how suffering leads
 to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts us to
 shame; for You live and reign with the Father 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (ESV)

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless,

²that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

(tune – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast - *Erhalt Uns, Herr*)

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Forsake the past, and come this day,
And humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;
For you the Lord endured the cross
To save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear a golden crown.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

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Sermon
"IF THEY (WE) ONLY KNEW"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Romans 5:1-11

In God The Father I Believe
(tune: Kingsfold)

In God the Father I believe,
Almighty Lord of all
Who made the heavens and the earth:
His name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son;
Conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Of virgin Mary born.

Who suffered when He stood condemned
By Pontius Pilate's code;
Was crucified, was dead,
As He Himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb,
Descended into hell,
But on the third day He arose
Again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heaven above
He sits at God's right hand;
From there He shall return to judge
The living and the dead.
In God the Spirit I believe,
Who guides a holy church;
The universal body that
Victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints
Must now commune in love,
And that, redeemed by Jesus' blood,
Our sins are pardoned us.
And at life's end, my body frail,
Upraised from earthly strife,
Is resurrected and renewed
In everlasting life!

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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.)

(11:00) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(Traditional Spiritual)

arr. Bryan L. Greer

Ascension Choir

*I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim Journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I am dying, Lord, walk with me.
When I am dying, Lord, walk with me.
When I am on my bed of sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, be mercifully present among all those who suffer, leading them to the hope that is only in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, soften our hearts to all those we would proclaim as our enemies. Remind us that we are weak and ungodly. Bring to our remembrance that You have died for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving God, bring Your strength and hope to all those who struggle with mental illness. Help them find the support they need. Remove the stigma around mental illness from our churches and communities. To all those in deepest need, bring Your peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Precious Savior, on the cross You took on our pain and punishment and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Comfort them with the profound reality that You not only died but rose from death and will raise us from the dead on the Last Day to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, grant that the nations and peoples of the world might live in peace. Put an end to all violence and war. Lead us to be the first to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Great Physician, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially...Have mercy upon them and lead them out of their suffering to hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of joy and gladness, You give us all good gifts to enjoy, and we offer prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 Closing Sentences.)

+ 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 HYMNS+

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.

(repeat from beginning)

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Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
In the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He, the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring,
Never trace, nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory;
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

(ending)

What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Continually bring to our minds the profound reality that Jesus died for us, the ungodly, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Closing Sentences

- P** Lamb of God, for sinners given,
C **In Your nail-pierced hands is balm.**
- P** Lamb of God, for sinners riven,
C **In Your cross is peace and calm.**
- P** Let this proclamation rise:
C **“I am baptized into Christ,”**
- P** This my ward and my protection,
C **And my death and resurrection!**

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.)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Remember you can make anonymous donations in the offering plate. Please note “Bells” clearly on any donations.

† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 6:00pm – Mexican Potluck

Wednesday, Mar. 20 at 6:00pm – Italian Potluck

† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Bob Rekdahl, The family of Kevin McInaney, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Carol Hofer, Gina Kreps, Brit and Brenna Meyer, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, 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.

† 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)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., FEB. 25, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bruce Blubaum
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Lily Hodges
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Celia Kreps
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Gertrude Bublies
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Sprengle/Driessner
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Wendy Hazen
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	None
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 25 – SAT., MARCH 2

Sunday, Feb. 25	8:30am	Worship
LENT 2	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
Wednesday, Feb. 28	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 2 Worship
	6:00pm	NO DINNER THIS WEEK
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 2 Worship
Thursday, Feb. 29	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 1	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Mar. 2	1:00pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 3 – SAT., MARCH 9

Sunday, March 3	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
LENT 3	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, Mar. 5	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 6	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 3 Worship
	6:00pm	Mexican Food Pot-Luck Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 3 Worship
Thursday, Mar. 7	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 8	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Mar. 9	1:00pm	Confirmation

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, FEB. 25– SATURDAY, MARCH 2

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Eric Kreps	Feb. 28	Stan Chapulis	Feb. 28
Jennifer Netsch	Feb. 28	Celia Kreps	Mar. 1

BIRTHDAYS:

Margo Bachhuber	Mar. 1
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

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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