



*“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.”*

Isaiah 62:5

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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.)*

THEME: “RADIANT BEAUTY”

AS WE GATHER: In the order for marriage, we affirm that marriage on earth is the picture of the union between Christ, the bridegroom, and the church, His Bride. Nowhere is this made plainer than in the place Jesus chose to perform His first miracle, changing water into wine. This shows the delight of the Lord, not simply for a wedding reception or even one couple who begins their life together, but also to marry us with His grace. The Lord rejoices to clothe His church with the perfect white robes of righteousness and to present her pure and spotless. We are no more forgotten or forsaken; the Lord has made us radiant in the beauty of His holiness. This is the context for a seemingly hidden miracle in Cana of Galilee.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 117:2; 36:7

- P** Great is His steadfast love toward us,
C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
P Called by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- 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. 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.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty Father, everlasting God, even though sin corrupted Your Church, You have made it beautiful and holy. We give You thanks for sending forth Your own Son to rescue His Bride by the riches of His mercy and for restoring Your Church that we may rejoice and be glad all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and to the end of the ages.

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 62:1-5 (ESV)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see Your righteousness,
and all the kings Your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (ESV)

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11 (ESV)

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

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

The Bride Of Christ

- 1 O church of God, thou spotless bride,
On Jesus' breast secure;
No stains of sin in thee abide,
Thy garments all are pure.
Of unity and holiness
Thy gentle voice doth sing;
Of purity and lowliness
Thy songs in triumph ring.

- 2 Thou lovely virgin, thou art fair,
Thy mothers only child;
Thy heav'nly music let me hear,
Thy voice is sweet and mild.
Thy cheeks adorned with jewels bright,
Thy neck with chains of gold;
Unfurl thy banners in thy might,
Thy graces rich unfold.
- 3 She stood attired in spotless dress
The early morning through,
And then into the wilderness
On eagle's wings she flew.
And nourished there from heav'nly clime,
She lived for many years;
Now, in this blessed evening time
Her glory reappears.
- 4 She leans upon an Arm of love
No sin her garments taints;
They're made of linen wov'n above—
The righteousness of saints.
The marriage of the Lamb is come,
His bride all ready stands;
The Bridegroom soon will take her home
To dwell in heav'nly lands.

SERMON
"THE GLORY OF REDEMPTION"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Isaiah 62:1-5

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. 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.)*

(8:30) “Agnus Dei/How Great Thou Art”

Michael W Smith

Choral Setting – Joel Raney

Alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb.

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You gather Your Church and bring her to Your banquet, both now in Your Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come. Spread the banner of Christ's steadfast love over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness may be constant and that patient love may mark our lives also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, uphold our nation. Bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice. Watch over and guide all military personnel. Thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine. By Your Spirit, give us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others. Today we lift up ... Help them to know You are with them in all trials and temptations. Comfort also the lonely, the depressed, the mentally ill and any who feel abandoned. Let them know You and Your Son, who rejoices over them as a bridegroom over his bride. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we remember and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the Benedicamus.)

+ 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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Eat This Bread

LSB 638

Refrain **Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. **(refrain)**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. **(refrain)**

- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. **(refrain)**
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **(refrain)**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. **(refrain)**

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Taste And See

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord
for God has been so good to me. **(refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. **(refrain)**

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **(refrain)**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Lord, as once Your Son brought gladness to Cana of Galilee by His presence and the first of His miracles, continue to grant us the gladness of Your presence that we may rejoice in the manifold gifts of Your mercy by which we have been saved and be brought to the marriage feast on high without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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.

G Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
G **Thanks be to God.**

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*Thanks to Sheryl Maier for the lovely Altar flowers,
in honor of George's birthday and all family birthdays and
baptisms in January to the glory of God.*

† CAROL HOEFER MEMORIAL SERVICE

The service honoring the life of Carol Hoefer will be on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 1:00pm. All are invited to this worship and celebration of life.

† THANK YOU FROM CARRIE GRAHAM

Ascension family, I want to Thank each one of you for the Christmas gift. It warms my heart and soul to know that you wanted to share with me. Many blessings and good health for each one of you in 2025. Know that it was so appreciated. Love, Carrie Graham

† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a voter's assembly on January 26 after the late service. We invite all members and those interested to attend. First time members who attend need to sign in at one meeting before they are a voting member, then they may vote at subsequent meetings. We ask you to come and take part in the decisions of your church.

† QUILTING GROUP

Our quilting group would like to extend an invitation to have anyone who may be interested to join our quilting group. They meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am (could be changed if need be). No experience required. Just a fun and good time with others. Any questions, contact: Dawn Fanshier, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 503-668-6232, Mon.- Thurs. 9:00am - 1:00pm.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

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

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 Neil and Deb Zeller)

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Carol Hoefler, Bobbie Adams, Pastor Ruberto and his family, Riki Neagle, Carolyn Gordon, Mike Fogarty, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Jan. 19– Saturday, Jan. 25

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Peyton Fogarty	Jan. 21	Amy Haase	Jan. 21
Olive Sylvia	Jan. 24		

BIRTHDAYS:

George Maier	Jan. 19	Joe Cassetty	Jan. 20
Norka Soledad	Jan. 20	Marty Blankenburg	Jan. 24
Bob Freeman	Jan. 24	Luke Teyema	Jan. 25

WEDDINGS: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JAN. 19, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Mike Adams Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder	Johnnie Driessner Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Michele Sprengle	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Julie Williamson	Johnnie Driessner
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
Flowers:	Both Services: Sheryl Maier	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie and Michele	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JAN. 26, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Echart John Aden	Neil Zeller Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Sue Rotramel
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Jan Oswald	
Flowers:	Both Services: Ed and Margaret Hubbard	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele and Carrie Vol. 9 - Ep. 1	

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

Sunday, Jan. 19	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Jan. 20	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan. 21	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Jan 22	11:30am	Altar Guild Mtg. at Elmer's
Thursday Jan 23	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
		NEWSLETTER DUE
Friday, Jan 24	5:30pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Jan 25	1:00pm	Carol Hoefer Memorial

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 26 – SAT., FEB. 1

Sunday, Jan. 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Monday, Jan. 27	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday Jan 23	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Jan 24	5:30pm	Confirmation

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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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