**As a confessional Lutheran church:**

•We gather to humbly confess that we are sinners who deserve eternal death and to receive the free gifts of God—forgiveness and life in Christ.

•We believe that our only hope and life is in Christ, so we’re known for always proclaiming Jesus our Savior.

•We know that the Lord is present in our services, so we’re known for reverent liturgical services.

•We rejoice that our Lord’s mercy is abundant, so we’re known for singing in full voice.

We Believe . . .

**The Bible** is in every part the inspired Word of God without error or contradiction, and

that the Scripture is God's authoritative Word for today.

**God** the only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct

persons in one divine being (the Holy Trinity). (Luther's Small Catechism, pg. 104,

question #94)

**People** were created by God a perfect being with body and soul, but fell into sin and

separated themselves from God. As a result, all people need to be rescued from being

lost to God by the forgiveness of their sins, through Jesus Christ.

**Jesus Christ**, God "in the flesh" (John 1:14), came to this earth, was born of a virgin,

lived a perfect life for us, took the punishment for our sins upon himself when He died on

the cross, and rose again bodily. Through this sacrificial gift of love, He guarantees

salvation, peace with God, and eternal life to all people who accept Him as their

personal Savior.

**This Salvation** is a free "gift of God" (Romans 6:23) which cannot be earned by trusting

in the good things we have done, but rather by trusting only in what Jesus Chris did for

us on the cross. The question, "What must I do to be saved?" is answered clearly;

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:31)

**This Saving Faith** is created and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts.

He works through the Means of Grace...the Word of God, Baptism, and the Lord's

Supper.

**The Power of the Holy Spirit** enables us to live victorious lives with His fruits and gifts

for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

**The Second Coming of Jesus**, accompanied by the resurrection of the dead and the

final judgment, may be anticipated with joy and confidence, by His forgiven people.

**The Mission of the Church** is to "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) that all

"might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10) as they trust in Jesus Christ as

their personal Savior.