

## **Trinity Lutheran Church - Our Confession of Faith**

This Congregation confesses faith alone in the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This Congregation holds that the Gospel is the revelation of God's sovereign will and saving grace in Jesus Christ. In Him, the Word Incarnate, God imparts Himself to all humankind.

- a. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Church. The Holy Spirit creates and sustains the Church through the Gospel and thereby unites believers with their Lord and with one another in the fellowship of faith.
- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ.
- d. It is only by the Grace of God through the redemptive act of Jesus Christ that God effects the salvation of a sinful and fallen humanity.

This Congregation acknowledges the Holy Scriptures as the only authoritative source and norm for the proclamation, faith and life of the Church. The Holy Scriptures are an infallible and divinely inspired record of God's redemptive act in Christ, for which the Old Testament prepared the way and which the New Testament proclaims. In the continuation of this proclamation in the Church, God still speaks through the Holy Scriptures and realizes His redemptive purpose generation after generation.

This Congregation accepts the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the faith of the Church.

This Congregation accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism as true and valid witnesses to the Gospel, and acknowledges itself as one in faith and doctrine with all churches that likewise accept the teachings of these symbols.

This Congregation accepts the other symbolic books of the evangelical Lutheran church, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther's Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid interpretations of the confession of the church, as further defined in Appendix A of the adopted constitution of the church.

This Congregation affirms that the Gospel transmitted by the Holy Scriptures to which the creeds and confessions bear witness, is the true treasure of the Church, the substance of its proclamation, and the basis of its unity and continuity. The Holy Spirit uses the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship. As this occurs, the Church fulfills its divine mission and purpose.

This Congregation subscribes to the "Common Confession" as a further definition of its statement of purpose and faith, as outlined in Appendix B of the adopted constitution of the church.

*The undersigned baptized persons accept the confession of faith of Trinity Lutheran Church and request membership as confirmed members. The undersigned also request membership for the listed baptized persons in their household.*

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

_____ Signature	_____ Printed name	_____ date baptized	_____ confirmed
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Additional baptized persons:

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name and address of current church membership

please write any additional information here, such as birthdates of confirmed members above, wedding dates, and so on, as known.