

CORE BELIEFS

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired Word of God, and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.

THE HOLY TRINITY

We believe in the triune God, of divine being, eternally existing in three persons...the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SALVATION

We believe that we are saved by Grace alone. God's Grace is God's undeserved love poured out for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Grace, which is an undeserved gift that can be neither earned, purchased, nor merited in any way, bestows forgiveness of sins and new life on the believer.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

We believe God's Grace is received only through faith (trust, hope) in the atoning work and person of Jesus Christ.

GOOD WORKS

We believe that the Holy Spirit working in the life of the believer, empowers good works which bring glory to God. Although good works "reflect" God's presence in our lives, they cannot "affect" God's presence in our lives.

PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We believe that all baptized believers are called to be priests or ministers in our daily lives. No matter what our occupation, our Christian vocation is to serve God and others in the name of Christ.

SACRAMENTS

We believe God also gives His grace to us through the sacraments. We understand a sacrament to be something that Christ Himself commanded us to do, that involves an earthly element (water, bread and wine), and which bestows God's forgiveness and new life to the believer. The Lutheran church celebrates two sacraments, Baptism and The Lord's Supper.