

**Peninsula Lutheran Church**  
**"What we believe, preach and teach"**

Jesus said that the world would know that we are His because we love one another and because we are one. To that end we are committed to applying the truth of scripture in ways that show love for God our Father and for one another so that Jesus is glorified in all that we do.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

[Matthew 22:36-40; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:12; 17:21-22, Romans 12:9-10; Ephesians 4:4-6; 5:2; 1 John 4:7-12]

✝ JESUS CHRIST IS LORD AND SAVIOR:

We are a people who believe and confess our faith in the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the *Apostle's, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds* as true declarations of the faith of this church. We trust and believe in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, as our Savior and Lord who we are to follow and exemplify in his teachings.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

[Matthew 1:21; Luke 24:44-49; John 1:1, 14, 29; Romans 10:9, 13; Hebrews 4:14-15]

✝ THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION:

We believe and confess that all human beings are sinners, and that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God alone saves by grace through faith in Christ - a faith God creates through the message of the Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. As ambassadors for Christ, God uses us to speak his Word and build his kingdom.

"...if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" Romans 10:9, 13

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

[John 1:1-4,14; 6:39-40, 44; 11:25-26; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-11, 13; Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:7; 2:3-10; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 1:8-9; 2:1-2; Psalm 103:12]

✝ THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE:

We believe and confess that the Bible alone is the inspired Word of God, spoken in both Law and Gospel, the only unerring authority for our Christian faith and life.

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

[Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:105, 160]

#### ✠ THE COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:

We accept and teach that the Lutheran Confessions give reliable guidance for faithful understanding of Scripture, and we share a unity and fellowship in faith with others among whom the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are administered in accordance with the Gospel.

"But as for you continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of because you know those from whom you learned it and from infancy you have known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6

[Matthew 26:26-28; 28:18-20; Mark 1:4; John 3:5; 6:54; Psalm 133:1]

#### ✠ THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS:

We believe in the Holy Spirit who; made us God's children through baptism, lives in each of us who believes in Jesus Christ, and works in our hearts stirring obedience and loving service in the church and to the world.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

[Romans 8:14-17; 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, 27; 1 Peter 2:4-9; Psalm 46:10]

#### ✠ MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:

We believe that the institution of marriage is a sacred covenant designed by God to model the love of Christ for His people and to serve both the public and private good as the basic building block of human civilization. Marriage is intended by God to be a thriving, life long relationship between a man and a woman enduring through trials, sickness, financial crisis and emotional stresses. Therefore, Christians are called to defend and protect God's marriage design and to minister in Christ's name to those who suffer the consequences of its brokenness.

"But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Mark 10:6-9

[Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24]

We believe that children are a heritage from God and a blessing from God's hand. Parents are therefore accountable to God for raising, shaping and preparing them for a life of loving service to God's kingdom and to humanity.

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

[Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6]

#### † THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CONGREGATION:

We believe that the mission and ministry of our congregation are shaped primarily by the *Great Commandment* and the *Great Commission*. We recognize God's call to resource this ministry and mission as rooted in the biblical *tithe*; giving 10% of our income for the work of the Lord in His church. We also recognize that we must be good stewards of our time and our talents as the Lord has blessed us with these things as well.

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20

"Jesus said again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" John 20:21

[Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 1:7-10; Philippians 4:19; Malachi 3:8-12]

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