

# Trinity Lutheran Church Beliefs:

Hudson, Wisconsin

## **ABOUT GOD:**

God is our Father in heaven and the maker of the heavens and the earth. We believe that He has eternally existed and is the Sustainer and Lord of our lives.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.  
Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

## **ABOUT JESUS CHRIST:**

Jesus Christ is the one and only living Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He is God in human flesh. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and He arose from the dead. Through Him God opened the way to abundant and eternal life through His death, burial and resurrection.

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Cor. 15:3-4 (NIV)

## **ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

The Holy Spirit is also co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus. He is given to the believer as a gift at the time of salvation. He provides the Christian with guidance and power for living. He gives spiritual gifts to Christians.

If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. John 15:24 (NIV)

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:8 (NIV)

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." Acts 5:3-4 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

## **ABOUT THE BIBLE:**

The Bible is the inspired written Word of God. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the authoritative rule of faith and practice for Christians and the Church.

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 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV)

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20–21 (NIV)

#### **ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

We believe that we receive Jesus' body and blood through the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sin and strengthening of faith.

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?"

1 Cor. 10:16

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

1 Cor. 11:23–25 (NIV)

#### **ABOUT BAPTISM:**

We believe that God's grace extends to all people ~ young and old. Through the waters of Baptism, God cleanses us of the guilt of sin and connects us to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4

Having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. Col. 2:12 (NIV)

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