

# **An Overview of What We Believe**

## **The Bible**

We believe that all Scripture is inspired by God, by which we understand that the whole Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by holy men of God. We believe the whole Bible is therefore without error in the originals.

## **The Trinity**

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God, having the same nature, attributes, and perfections, and worthy of the same worship, and obedience.

## **People Created and Fallen**

We believe that people were created in the image of God, and then fell through sin, and as a consequence, became dead in their sins. We also believe that this spiritual death has been transmitted to the entire human race, Christ Jesus alone being the exception.

## **Salvation Through Christ Alone**

We believe that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again; and that no amount of good deeds or following God's law, however great, can help the sinner take even one step toward heaven. It is through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection alone that we are forgiven of sin and receive the promise of eternal life.

## **The Great Commission**

We believe that all who are saved by Jesus Christ are sent forth by Him into the world with the purpose of making the Gospel known to the world.

## **The Sacraments**

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments of the church and that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are the true body and blood of Christ.

## **Marriage**

We believe that God established marriage as a lifelong relationship between one man and one woman for the purposes of fellowship and mutual aid, reproduction and sexual intimacy. The marriage relationship between man and woman is a reflection of the spiritual relationship that exists between Christ and His Church.

## **Gender**

We believe that God created man and woman, male and female, as distinct and complementary beings.

## **A Preference of Doctrine**

This statement is intended to be consistent with the doctrine of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on these issues and where it may differ, the doctrine as determined by the Synod shall be determinative.

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## **A Special Note on Gender Identity and Sexuality**

An increasingly common area of question is our beliefs and policies regarding gender identity and sexuality. We believe that God created man and woman, male and female, as distinct and complementary beings, designed to be in relationship with each other in reflection of the spiritual relationship that exists between Christ and His Church.

As a result of this, we house campers according to birth sex and seek to help campers know their true identity in Christ. When conversations occur on these topics among other campers, we affirm what we believe with all campers participating.

If your camper identifies as transgender, gay, or is struggling in these areas, we want to meet them with grace and compassion and remind them of the hope offered to them through Jesus and the truth found in God's Word.

If these are areas you are concerned about for your camper, we encourage you to **call** our office for a personal conversation before their arrival at camp.  
Office: 251-987-1201 Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.