

What Do We Believe?

With the universal Christian Church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God: the Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and Sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal, one God.



Being "Lutheran," our congregations accept and teach Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the reformation of the Christian Church in the 16th century. The teaching of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.

Grace alone

God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.

Faith alone

By His suffering and death as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for them. Those who hear this Good News and believe it have the eternal life that it offers. God creates faith in Christ and gives people forgiveness through Him.

Scripture alone

The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine.

Who We Are

Gathering people to Christ, building believers in Christ, serving the world as Christ. This is our mission, our vision and who we are. All in the name of Christ we seek to reach out as His hands, mouth and feet with love and compassion. We value sharing His grace, mercy, love and forgiveness with one another as a family. We seek to be simple again...gathered in the name of Jesus, serving the world in His name in freedom as children of God!

We value:

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. —Acts 1:8

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. —Acts 2:42-47



We do good works in response to God's free gift of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus—not as a way to receive salvation, but to glorify God:

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." —Ephesians 2:8-10

How to Become a Member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

- If you are Lutheran:
 - If you are a member of another Lutheran church, you may *have your membership transferred*.
 - If you are Lutheran and do not have a church home, we can receive you by *Affirmation of faith*.
- If you are from another Christian background or have never been involved in a Christian Church:
 - You can attend one of our "New Member" classes to learn more about the Lutheran faith.
 - If you haven't been baptized, you will be received into membership by *Baptism and Adult Confirmation*.
 - If you are baptized and formerly a member of a Christian Church, you will be received by *Affirmation of faith*.