

A Statement of Faith from the 2009 Trinity Confirmation Class

We believe that God is the Almighty Creator and the parent of all living things.

God is all merciful and loving, the father of Jesus and a father to us, his people. God is eternal, loving, and forgiving.

God loves us eternally and is our rock and redeemer. God forgives sins and governs the universe, still loving us, even when we sin.

Jesus was the Son of God, and the savior of humanity, a teacher, and a good person and a guide for people to live their lives by.

Among the most important things Jesus did were healing people, teaching about the relationship between human beings and God, feeding others, being baptized, and dying on the cross for our sins. Because of Jesus, Christianity was created.

Following Jesus means trusting and believing in God, doing the right thing, repenting, and loving yourself and your neighbor. It also means living a good, just life by following God's way.

The Holy Spirit is God's presence on earth, who is always with us and encouraging us. The Holy Spirit is a feeling of faith experienced physically. When we pray God listens; God knows what we need before we even ask. The Holy Spirit is with us no matter what and inspires people around us as we pray.

The Bible is a record of God's deeds in early human history, a book of stories and testimonies, a book that speaks of different people's experiences of God. It is a guide for morality and our guide to following God.

In baptism, we accept God as our Lord and Jesus as our savior, we form a personal covenant with God, and we acknowledge that we are children of God.

In the Lord's Supper, we accept Jesus' blessing by remembering his sacrifice; we remember Jesus, who gave his life for our sins. In this sacrament we accept the blessing of grace and forgiveness in Christ. We also remember Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples and what the bread and wine stand for. We give thanks for Jesus' life and celebrate it.

What makes the church significant is that it is God's house and that it makes a difference in communities around the world. The church and its members are called to live, serve, and worship under God. Christians are called to live happy lives and to do good in the world, to make good decisions, confess, repent, go to church, love all God's creations, worship God, and follow God's commandments.

When things go wrong between people, God wants people to overcome pride and to act as Jesus would do. God wants us to learn to make peace, to reconcile, to grow into more loving people, to solve the problem and to learn from our mistakes.

Loving God means loving God in all of God's creations. It means gratefulness for all God has given us, and responding to God's love with acts of faith and charity. Loving God we know that God loves us, and always will.

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