

1 Through the waters of baptism, I have been claimed as Christ's own and have  
2 experienced God's abundant and sustaining grace and love. It is through that experience  
3 that I am bold to confess my beliefs.

4 I believe in one holy and triune God: three persons who exist in perfect equality and  
5 community with one another and who share one divine nature, essence, and being. I  
6 believe that this community is eternal. It is into this community that we are welcomed  
7 through the Son's saving death, resurrection, and ascension, and through the work of the  
8 Spirit.

9 I believe in the God that Jesus called Father, the creator who calls order out of chaos  
10 and continues to recreate and restore. While sovereign over all creation, God desires to be  
11 in relationship with creation. Thus, through God's self-giving love, God humbled God's self  
12 and became incarnate.

13 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who is both fully human and fully divine.  
14 Jesus is the full revelation of God to humanity – embodying both the Word of God  
15 addressed to humankind and humanity's faithful hearing of and obedient response to the  
16 Word of God. Dwelling among us, Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God, which in him, has  
17 entered into the midst of history. He experienced the depths of human pain and suffering,  
18 being rejected by the very people he was sent to save. From the cross, Jesus atoned for the  
19 sins of humanity and healed the broken relationship between God and humankind once  
20 and for all. Though humanity was created in the image of God, we have been bound by sin,  
21 which brings about alienation between God and humanity. Only Jesus Christ as Lord and  
22 Servant can mend this alienation, reconciling us to God through his death and resurrection.  
23 This reconciliation is our salvation. We participate in Christ's sonship as adopted children  
24 of God the Father and enjoy everlasting life with the Triune God. Through the resurrection  
25 of Christ, the firstborn of the new creation, death was overcome and the bonds of sin were  
26 broken. Through Christ's bodily ascension and reign, we experience in our lives a foretaste  
27 of our promised future and look forward to the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

28 Following his earthy ministry, Christ sent the Holy Spirit, who justifies us by grace  
29 through faith. This same Spirit inspires both the writing and reading of scripture, which  
30 bears witness to Christ as the unique and authoritative word of God that guides the life of  
31 the Church. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit seals us into the family of God and binds us  
32 to Christ. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we die to our old selves and are raised  
33 to new life, claimed by God's gracious gift of forgiveness and redemption. In the sharing of  
34 the Lord's Supper, the Spirit lifts us up, uniting us with Christ and with all believers in every  
35 time and place. In the Supper, we remember Christ's saving death on the cross, celebrate in  
36 his risen and ascended life, and look forward with hope and assurance to the heavenly  
37 banquet. Both of these sacraments – baptism and the Lord's Supper – are graciously  
38 initiated by God and commended by Christ.

39 The congregation of believers is the Church, the Body of Christ. As it responds to its  
40 call to join in Christ's ongoing work of reconciliation and renewal in the world, the Church  
41 is a visible witness to God's Kingdom. The Church is the people of God gathered in worship,  
42 prayer, and fellowship. Yet it is also the people of God sent into the world in service and  
43 proclamation of the Gospel. As God's people, gathered and sent, we are called to a life of

44 joyful obedience, celebrating God's gracious acts, boundless love, and eternal promises. Our  
45 participation in this life sets us toward the glorious future we await in the consummation of  
46 God's Kingdom – a future characterized by full communion between creation and the  
47 Triune God.