

St. Luke's Statement of Faith

We affirm our belief in historic Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures and summarized in the three Creeds (the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian) and the Thirty-Nine Articles. We recognize the need today for reaffirming the following beliefs:

Article I: The Holy Trinity

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, namely, that the one God exists eternally in the three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and has so revealed himself to us in the Gospel.

Article II: The Lord Jesus Christ

The full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who by reason of his birth of the Virgin Mary, sinless life, atoning death, bodily resurrection, glorious ascension, and triumphant reign, is the only Mediator between God and man.

Article III: The Holy Scriptures

The trustworthiness of the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as "God's Word written," which contain all things necessary for salvation, teach God's will for His world, and have supreme authority for faith, life, and the continuous renewal and reform of the Church.

Article IV: Justification and Sanctification

The justification of the repenting and believing sinner as God's gracious act of declaring him righteous on the ground of the reconciling death of Christ, who suffered in our place and rose again for us; and sanctification as the gracious continuing activity of the Holy Spirit in the justified believer, perfecting his repentance, nurturing the new life implanted within him, transforming him into Christ's image, and enabling him to do good works in the world.

Article V: The Christian Church

The Church as the Body of Christ, whose members belong to the new humanity, are called to live in the world in the power of the Spirit, worshiping God, confessing His truth, proclaiming Christ, supporting one another in love, and giving themselves in sacrificial service to those in need.

Article VI: Spiritual Gifts and Ministry

The calling of all Christians to exercise their God-given gifts in ministry, and to work, witness, and suffer for Christ; together with the particular call of ordained ministers, who, by preaching, teaching, and pastoral care, are to equip God's people for his service, and to present them mature in Christ.

Article VII: The Gospel Sacraments

The sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as "visible words" which proclaim the gospel, and are means of grace by which faith is quickened and strengthened; in particular, the significance of the Lord's Supper as a communion in the Body and Blood of Christ, who offers himself to us in the action of this sacrament, so that by faith we may feed on Him in our hearts and offer ourselves to him in gratitude for our salvation through His cross; also, the openness of the Lord's Table as the place where all baptized believers, being one in Christ, are free to celebrate their common salvation in the Lord, and to express their common devotion to his person and his service.

Article VIII: The Return of Christ

The personal return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of this age for the resurrection of the dead, some to life, some to condemnation, for the glorification of his Church, and for the renewal of the whole creation.

The above statement of faith corresponds with my personal belief statement.

YES___ NO___ If not, please explain where you differ:

Signed: _____ Date: _____