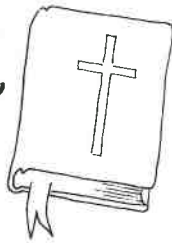
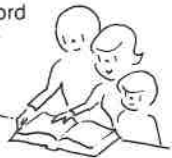


Founded on its understanding of the BIBLE, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH TEACHES THAT:



The **BIBLE** is the Word of God – absolute truth. It shows God in action.



GOD

is one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.



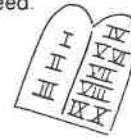
MAN and WOMAN

were created by God in holiness, but sinned (rebelled). We cannot by our own powers come back to God.



GOD'S LAW

demands perfection of heart, thought, word and deed. Whoever disobeys is a sinner.



SINS

are the failures of people to live their lives in trust toward God. They are evidenced in thoughts, words and deeds.



The **GOSPEL**, the teachings of Jesus, offers grace to everyone and will save those who believe in its promises.



FAITH

is a confessed sinner's acceptance of Christ as Savior.



CONVERSION

(spiritual rebirth) is the bestowal of faith in Christ as Savior.



SANCTIFICATION

(holiness of life) follows conversion, but total holiness is possible only after entering eternal life.



The **SAVIOR**, Jesus, died to save the world from sin.



A person is **JUSTIFIED** (saved), not through merit, but only by God's grace, through faith.



REPENTING

means sincerely regretting one's sins and asking for Christ's forgiveness and guidance.



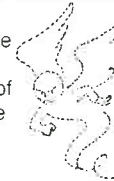
PRAYER

is a Christian's sharing of thought with God – communication with God.



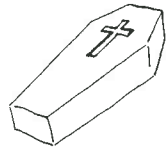
THE SPIRIT OF EVIL

has many names in the Bible and is the enemy of God and the church.



DEATH

does not sever a believer's relationship with Christ.



The **CHURCH** is all those people who sincerely accept and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.



BAPTISM, a sacrament, establishes new life in a person. It remakes him or her in God's spirit.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

a sacrament, is the Body and Blood of Christ borne by bread and wine in Holy Communion.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION of the young is the responsibility of home and church.



SEPARATION of CHURCH and STATE

provides two arenas of work for Christians.



MARRIAGE

is intended for life.



The **CREEDS** are statements of belief, not additions to the Bible. They summarize the Bible's teachings.



RELIGION and SCIENCE

are not in conflict. Religion talks about the "who," the creator; science talks about the "how."



A CHRISTIAN'S UNITY

with fellow Christians is rooted in Christ as God and Savior.



Basically, Lutheranism teaches that a person is saved only by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

