

What We Believe in Brief

We are a local congregation of Christian disciples called **Trinity Evangel Church**. All three parts of our name embody both a summary of our doctrinal commitments and the essential responsibilities of our life together.

TRINITY

We believe in God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. He revealed Himself as one God in three infinitely excellent and loving Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person of the Trinity is fully, simultaneously, and eternally God, united in one purpose. God is supremely joyful as He relates in the fellowship of the Trinity. From the fullness of His grace He created all things and ordains all things for His glory, revealing Himself in the world and in His Word. The Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the infallible Word of God, verbally inspired by God, and the final authority of truth.

We believe that God made man in His image to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. God formed men, both male and female, from conception, to bear His image in relationships, with Him and others, as well as in terrestrial responsibilities. God mandated that humans obey Him and reflect Him by multiplying (in marriage between one man and one woman, followed by childbearing and parenting), and by taking dominion over the earth (creating and stewarding things on earth as persons in community).

EVANGEL

We believe that the first man, Adam, although created morally upright, disobeyed God in the garden. Because of his sin God judged mankind with death, immediate spiritual death, eventual physical death, and ultimately eternal death. All men are guilty in Adam, corrupt in nature, and unable to desire God, delight in God, or obey Him. Though no man sins as much as he could, neither can any man do anything other than sin apart from God. Therefore, every man deserves God's righteous wrath in death.

We believe that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, eternally begotten of the Father, being of one substance with the Father, Jesus Christ our Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit the Son became incarnate from the virgin Mary; now recognized in two natures, truly God and truly man, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation. For our sake and in every respect He was tempted as we are, lived in perfect obedience to God's law, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures for the forgiveness of sins. This is the good news, the evangel.

We believe that all people who repent from their sins, who trust in His sacrifice, and who confess Jesus Christ as Lord are saved to eternal life. We are declared righteous by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, reconciled to fellowship with God. The fruit of obedience inevitably grows from those with living faith. Disciples obey the Lord in baptism and are transformed into Christlikeness as they behold His glory. Disciples proclaim the gospel to their neighbors and practice the gospel by dying to bring life, forgiving one another, and hoping in all of God's promises.

CHURCH

We believe in the holy catholic church consisting of true believers from every generation, from every tribe, language, people, and nation, both male and female, young and old. The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, regenerates and baptizes God's children into one Body with Christ Himself as the Head. The household of God is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of truth. The Lord will return to earth physically in power and great glory to receive His Bride, raise the dead, judge the nations, and establish His kingdom.

We believe that this local church is an expression of the universal Body of Christ, consisting of qualified elders/pastors, deacons, and baptized members. We proclaim Christ as Lord and practice the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We assemble each Lord's day to worship as the communion of saints and to stimulate one another to love and good deeds. We hold each other accountable in obedience of faith through Biblical discipline. We affirm that the Holy Spirit gifts each member for the building up of the whole and that the pastors equip the saints for the work of the ministry until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. We continue Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations and for the sake of following generations. We trust that God is building His church by His Word and causes believers to persevere unto bodily resurrection and a heavenly inheritance, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.