



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following is a brief outline of our beliefs at Bethel Community Church. These faith convictions form the foundation for how we strive to follow God in our lives. We acknowledge that what we believe about God and ourselves will guide how we live, directing us towards our mission as a church of *becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others*.

We believe:

- in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.¹
- that humanity is created in the image of God, yet has fallen into sin and needs redemption.²
- that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary.³
- that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died as an atoning sacrifice for sin,⁴ rose bodily from the dead,⁵ and ascended to reign as Lord.⁶
- that Jesus Christ will return to judge the living and the dead.⁷
- that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.⁸
- in the bodily resurrection to eternal life of all who receive Jesus Christ as Saviour.⁹
- in the Holy Spirit, who indwells believers and empowers them to live godly lives.¹⁰
- in the unity of all believers, who together form one body, the Church.¹¹
- the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and the final authority for faith and life.¹²

**As part of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), we look to the historic creeds—the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed—and the Reformed confessions, inviting each faithful witness to help us understand Scripture and guide how we respond to the gospel.*

In grateful response to God's grace, and as members of Bethel Community Church, we commit to promoting and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. We also promise to respond to differences in faith with a spirit of love and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we together seek a fuller understanding of the gospel.

¹ Matthew 3:16, 28:19; John 1:1-3, 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; HC Q&A 24-25

² Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:22; Titus 3:3; Q&A 3-8

³ Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; HC Q&A 35-36

⁴ Romans 3:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:14; 1 John 2:2, 4:10; HC Q&A 37-43

⁵ Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:16-20; 1 Peter 1:3-5; HC Q&A 45

⁶ Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3; HC Q&A 46-50

⁷ Acts 10:42; Acts 17:31; HC Q&A 52

⁸ Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:10-11; Ephesians 2:8-9; HC Q&A 62-64; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; HC Q&A 29-30

⁹ 1 Corinthians 15:20, 42-46, 54; Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; HC Q&A 52, 57

¹⁰ Ezek. 36:25-27; Zechariah 4:6; John 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Acts 1:8; HC Q&A 70, 72-73

¹¹ John 10:14-16; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:1-6; Romans 8:28-30; HC Q&A 54-55

¹² 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Belgic Confession VII