

# GLOSSARY

- ❖ ***Grace***: The undeserved mercy and kindness and goodness of God
- ❖ ***Full Communion***: Fellowship (sharing of pastors for preaching and presiding over communion) as well as agreements for cooperation in ministry and mission that the ELCA has with other denominations.
- ❖ ***The Creeds***: This is a general statement of belief. Christians have three specific ones that confess God as the Father/Mother, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These are The Apostles Creed; The Nicene Creed and The Athanasian Creed. - also called the Ecumenical Creeds,
- ❖ ***The Holy Trinity***: God as Father/Mother, Son and Holy Spirit or as three in One.
- ❖ ***Sin*** - Lutherans understand sin as separation from God and one another
- ❖ ***Commissioned***: Being empowered to do or participate in the mission and ministry of the Church, e.g. Matthew 28<sup>19-20</sup>
- ❖ ***Aliens***: The Bible uses this language at times to describe sojourners in a foreign land.
- ❖ ***Calling***: God's prodding and encouragement of a person to particular roles in life. This can take a variety of forms including to a certain career, to the role of parenthood or to volunteer work.
- ❖ ***Baptism***: According to Lutherans, this is a way of receiving grace and an entrance into the faith community. Baptism combines the physical pouring of water over the baptized and proclaiming the person claimed by the Holy Trinity (Father/Mother, Son and Holy Spirit). Through baptism we receive forgiveness of sins and participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior.