HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN FROM CENTRAL TEXAS

We are Central Texas proud. Central Texas is a beautiful place to live and raise our children. The communities are smaller, the air is cleaner, the traffic is less, and the scenery is spectacular. Yet, we are close enough to the big cities of Waco, Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston when we need something that the big city can offer. In spite of the good life we have here, we are still strangers here. . . heaven is our real home and you can get there from Central Texas and all parts of the world.

Jesus promises us, "Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:1-2)

God has shown us through His Word how to get to heaven, and we want to share His message with you.

HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN... From Central Texas and all parts of the world.

- **1. HEAVEN** is a free gift from God. . . It is not earned or deserved. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **2.** All of us are **SINNERS** and cannot save ourselves. "There is none righteous, no not one. . . For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:10, 23)
- **3. GOD** is just and must punish sin, but God is also **MERCIFUL** and does not want to punish us. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
- **4. JESUS** is the Christ, the Son of God, who has paid the price of our sins and purchased heaven for us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- **5. FAITH** is trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation, as He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man comes unto the Father but by Me." (John 14:6)

[&]quot;I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life." (John 6:47)

NOW THAT YOU KNOW how to get to heaven by having saving faith in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit's power, ask Him to forgive your sins daily and show you the ways that are pleasing to Him. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Christ's church on earth is a God-given gift through which by the power of the Holy Spirit, He calls, gathers, and strengthens those who believe in Him. We invite you to enjoy His gift with us.

OUR BELIEFS: THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church teaches that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God. We believe and teach that the central truth of the Bible is not one of fear, but a single message of forgiveness and comfort from the consequences of our sins through faith in Jesus Christ.

The place of Christ in Lutheran theology is specific. He is not only an excellent example for humanity to follow, nor is He only a wise and learned teacher, but He is also, and primarily, the Savior, the Messiah, the very Incarnate Son of God. All Lutheran theology is based on this truth.

We believe from Holy Scripture that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary; that He lived on this earth without sin, fulfilling the Law of God in our stead; and as our substitute He died for us the death that humankind deserves. In His death, He atoned for the sins of the whole world; and in His resurrection, He conquered death for all time.

We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that He will come again at the end of history as the judge of all humankind.

In the Lutheran Church, the Word of God is taught to be the only source of how to get to heaven through faith in Jesus Christ and the supreme guide for life here on earth. The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper are God's gifts to the church intended for the spiritual life and growth of His people in today's world.

If you would like to know more about what we believe, you are welcome to visit our worship services and Bible study classes any Sunday morning.