

## AULNE CHURCH STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- We believe the Holy Bible, both the Old and New Testament, is the inspired Word of God, the inerrant and entire revelation of God's will for salvation, and the Divine and final authority for the Christian faith and life. We believe biblical history as exact actual accounts (i.e. Gen. 1-11, 1 Samuel 17, the book of Jonah, John 19 & 20, etc). God's word is good for salvation, sanctification, and transformation in all areas of the human condition and all challenges mankind may encounter.  
2 Timothy 3:15-17, Matt. 4:4, Acts 6:2, 1 Thes. 2:13, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 1:23
- We believe in the Holy Trinity consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit who are three persons of one essence.  
Matthew 3:16-17, Romans 1:1-4, 1 Peter 1:2
- We believe Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh, true God and true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born to the virgin Mary.  
Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23; Isaiah 9:6
- We believe in Jesus' sinless life, His miraculous ministry, His substitutionary death on the cross as atonement for our sins, His bodily resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into Heaven to serve as our intercessor before the Father.  
2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Acts 1:9, Hebrews 7:25-26
- We believe in salvation through the blood of Jesus. Humanity was created good, but by voluntary transgression, fell, and their only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ.  
Romans 3:23, Romans 10:13-15, Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:3-8; 1 John 1:7-9
- We believe in water baptism. It was the command of Jesus that those who would choose to follow him would be baptized. This identification with Jesus' death and resurrection into New Life is a public profession of faith.  
Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:41
- We believe in the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Ghost is God's indwelling as promised by Christ to all believers, empowering the believer to live and act as an instrument of noble purpose in God's household. This gift from God is subsequent to salvation and may manifest itself as God ordains.  
Acts 2:38-39 Acts 1:4-8 Acts 15:8-9, Ephesians 1:13-14

- We believe in the sanctifying work of God in the believer's life. We know that the Holiness of God must be allowed to flow through our lives as we allow God to work in us. Only through a loving relationship with God (prompted by the indwelling Holy Spirit, and pursued by the believer) are we able and willing to respond in loving obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father as revealed in His written word.  
John 17:17, Romans 6:19, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7
- We believe in the blessed hope of the physical return of Christ. At that time the dead in Christ will be resurrected and caught up to Jesus; those who are alive and remain will be caught up as well. This is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church.  
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
- We believe that Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. It is our responsibility as His followers to continue in His example, which is to go into all the world and bring others into a relationship with God, which is the Great Commission.  
Matthew 28:19-20, John 3:17-18
- We believe God's plan for human sexuality is that it is to be expressed only in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman within the framework of marriage. This is the only relationship which is divinely designed for pleasure of the man and woman and is beneficial for physical and spiritual unity between a husband and wife. It is also designed for the propagation of humanity through the birthing, rearing and nurturing of children. It provides the framework for society with the family unit as the foundation. It is a covenant union between a man and a woman made in the sight of God, taking priority over every other human relationship.  
Matthew 19:3-6, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Hebrews 13:4
- We believe that the human race was created by God in his image, making every human life sacred from its conception to its cessation. We believe that recognizing this sanctity should result in our participation in and support of the preservation and enrichment of all lives regardless of an individual's age, appearance, capabilities, ideology, or status as friend or adversary. When pursuit of this leads to necessary conflict between two lives, we will emulate our Lord who is sacrificial in his giving, impartial in his judgements, and compassionate toward the weak and lowly (such as the elderly and pre-born).  
Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 5:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 1 Corinthians 1:28