

## **What do Lutherans believe with regard to...**

### **Who is God?**

Lutherans believe, as is stated in one of our most significant “confessional documents”, *The Augsburg Confession* (Article 1) that;

*"We unanimously hold and teach, in accordance with the Council of Nicea, that there is one divine essence which is called and which is God, eternal, incorporated, indivisible, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. Yet there are three persons, of the same essence and power, who are also co-eternal: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

This statement about God affirms the doctrinal decisions of the fourth century that deal with the oneness of the divine substance which is God, and the difference of the three persons (sometimes spoken of by their functions as *Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier*), declaring them fundamental for the faith of the Reformation. Lutherans fully subscribe to these confessions presented by the reformers to Emperor Charles V in 1530 in Augsburg, Germany.