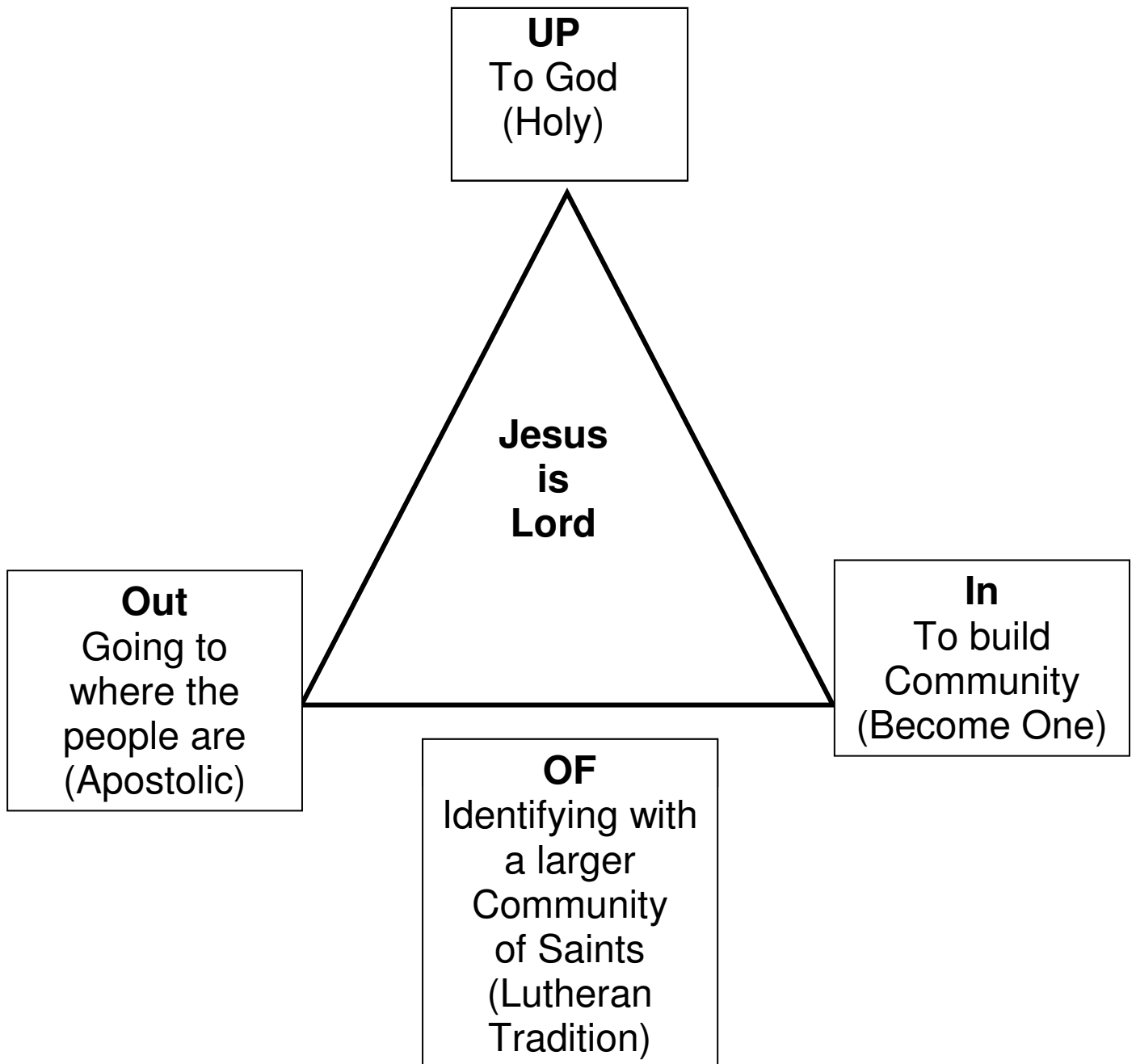


Being a Missional Church



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To God
(Holy)

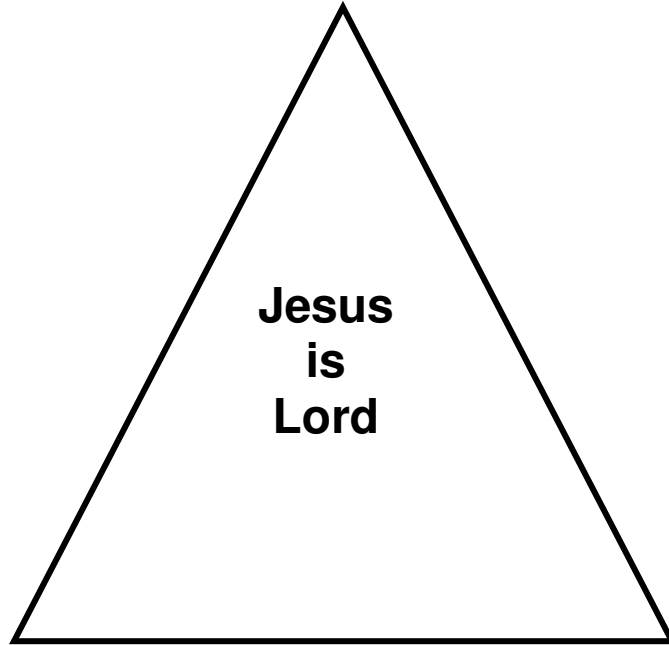
Meet God

Participate and explore different ways to meet God.

Learn how to tap into God's reign in Jesus.

Develop a mission and ministry based upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

Embrace our mission and ministry under Theology of the Cross



To worship God in spirit and truth, breath and depth using the best of our Lutheran Liturgical Tradition.

To praise God for what God has done, is doing, and will do.

To use gifts, abilities, senses, and emotions.

To live a lifestyles as disciples as worship and prayer.

To be equipped as disciples for the spiritual journey.

To receive God's love and give it away.

To express thankfulness as a community.

To find new worship forms to express our growing sense of God.

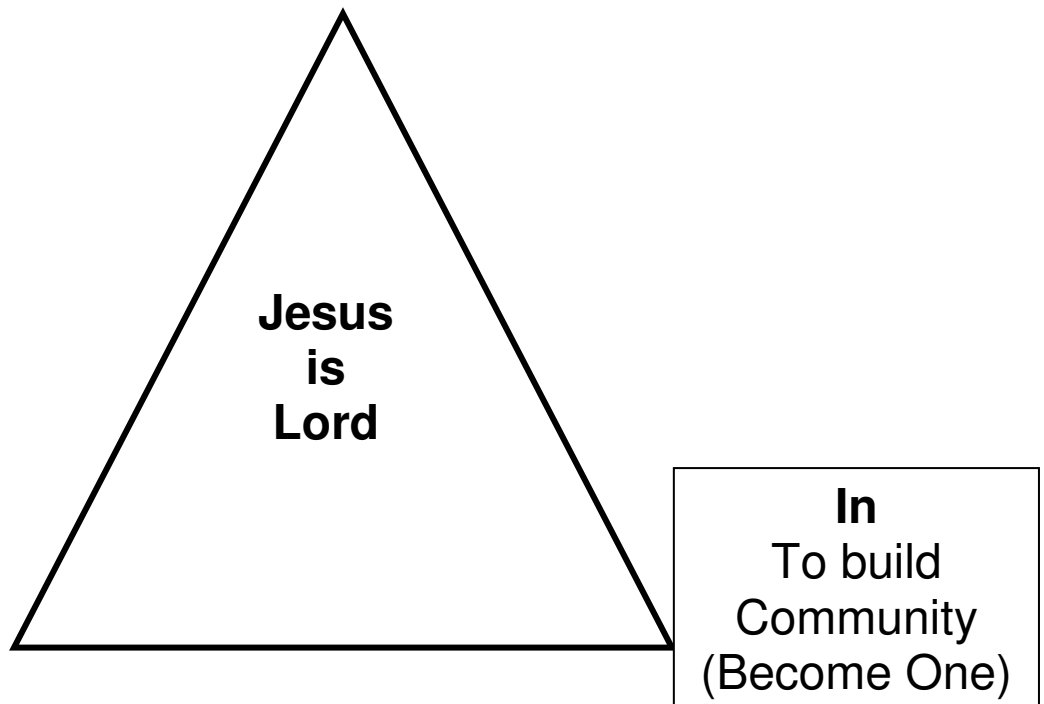
Make Friends

Make friends of all ages thereby create community.

Be an extended family from babies to grandparents.

To be committed to being elders in the faith as well as brothers and sisters as we act as role models.

To live in fellowship under being at the same time saints and sinners.



To be open, caring, sharing, loving, praying community.

To be an extended family.

To encourage vulnerability, openness, honesty.

To be accountable to each other.

To commit to seeing each other grow in Christ.

To witness to God as community.

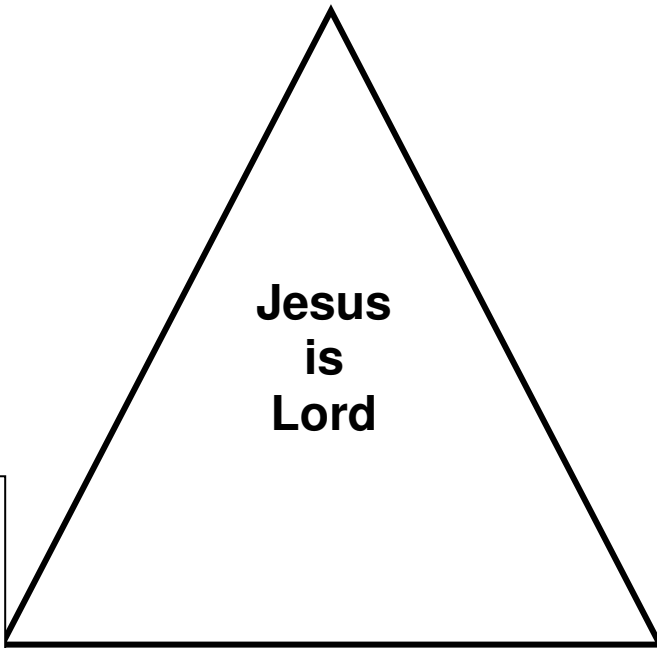
To share with each other's dreams and visions, highs and lows.

To encourage men, women, and youth into leadership.

To embrace diversity.

To eat together often!

Out
Going to
where the
people are
(Apostolic)



Extend the friends of God

To seek to draw others into a relationship with God.

See the reign of God breaking through into everyday life.

To demonstrate to all that our walk with Jesus is a natural part of our lives as disciples.

We see the world as our mission field.

To take God's love out in ways that speak people's language.

To share the old stories of faith in ways people can understand them.

To provide ways for new people to join us on the journey to God.

To give small groups as a focus for the energy and love for others.

To love mercy and act justly.

To find ways to engage the cultures around us in meaningful ways.

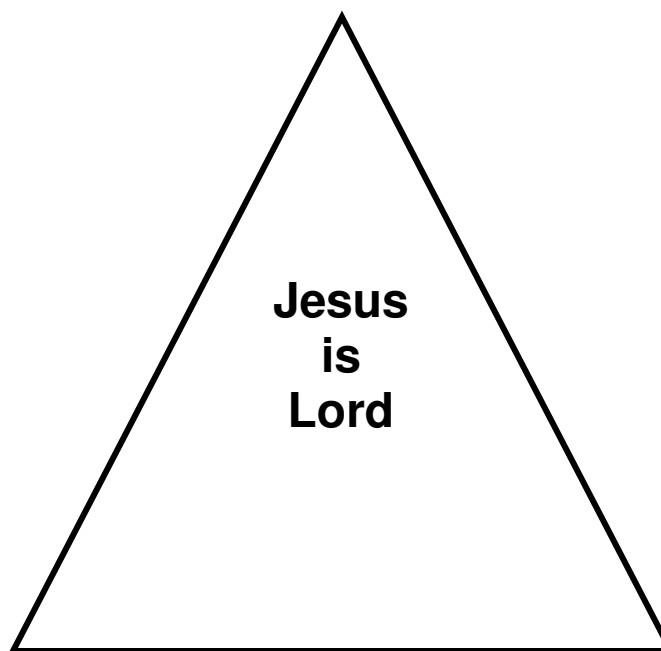
To admit where we are wrong and learn from our mistakes

To begin all of our listening, speaking, and acting from a place that understands God always acts first in love.

To trust that God is always present in our world.

To use God's Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

To see and affirm that we are formed as disciples who are at the same time both saints and sinners by worship, catechesis, and individual prayer under a Theology of the Cross.



OF
Identifying with
a larger
Community
of Saints
(Lutheran
Tradition)

Affirm our larger connectedness

To see and act in ways that affirm we are part of a larger Christian tradition.

To see our local churches as expressing the best of our language, practice, understanding of our tradition.

To allow the larger and broader tradition to give both direction and substance to our current practices.

To have a catholic sense to our practices.

How will we do this? As an Attractional, Engaged, or Emerging Church?

Attractional

Attractional church works by taking church as we have known it and seeking to make it more attractive and accessible to non-attenders.

This about making what we do in our current church mode a lot easier to understand, a lot more relevant to everyday life, and a lot more contemporary in style.

In terms of reaching out this approach can reach the fringe, Open de-churched but often cannot connect with the Closed de-churched and non-churched.

We sum up the heart of Attractional church as seeking to be the best **“COME”** mode.

Engaged

Engaged churches moves beyond the attractional, researches contexts beyond the fringe and intentional goes out to where people are using small cluster groups.

They will engage with the aspirations and concerns and work with the cultures around them but people are still expected to make the cultural journey to the current church.

In terms of reaching out this approach can reach the fringe, Open de-churched, possibly the Closed-de-churched, and Non-churched as they are attracted to a cluster or small group rather than the formal Sunday morning church service.

We could sum up the heart of engaged church as moving outwards in **“GO”** mode, but then inviting folk to **“Come.”**

Emerging

This is not about a slightly different form of church but the emerging church is about the radical process of creating quite new sorts of churches.

This church identifies and understands the social setting beyond the fringe. They become part of it and get involved with these cultures around them. As they develop relationships and respond to the aspirations and needs of the people rather than inviting them to come to the current church, instead church in anew and thoroughly indigenous form literally **emerges** in the heart of the culture.

In terms of reaching out, the emerging church will have trouble reaching the fringe and possibly the Open de-churched but can be very successful with the Closed de-churched and the Non-churched.

We could sum up the heart of the emerging church in this sense, moving outwards in “**GO**” mode and “**Staying**” to see what **ARISES**.

We do this as Disciple-Forming Congregations Who Are Lutheran

