

# Live Oak Classical School

## *Statement of Faith*



*Live Oak's educational mission is rooted in the tenets of historical Christianity and has been carefully crafted to emphasize the unity all Christians share in the essentials of our faith while respecting the diversity in faith and practice in matters considered non-essentials. We affirm together those doctrines commonly and historically confessed by the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Protestant churches.*

We believe in God almighty, maker of heaven and earth. Therefore, we approach all truth as edifying for those who believe in God, and we strive to understand every aspect of the world as part of God's creation. We believe creation—including human thought and culture—is good, yet fallen from its proper relation to God. Therefore, we approach the best of human culture as an expression of creation yearning to be reunited to God, and we recognize that our own understanding of God and creation is limited.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son, one in being with the Father, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe God acted decisively in history through Jesus, who suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day rose again, ascended to heaven, and who with the Father will come to judge humankind. We believe that through Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to himself by granting the remission of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Therefore, the story of God's saving work in history and promised consummation is essential to our understanding of the world.

We believe God continues to work in history through his Holy Spirit to restore the image of God in us. Therefore we trust in God's indwelling presence to empower us to discern truth, excellence, and beauty, and to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God.

We believe Holy Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

In response to the goodness and grace of the Triune God made manifest in creation, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, we develop our minds and our hearts that we may be good stewards of God's creation and faithful bearers of Christ's image in love and service to one another.

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