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**MISSIONS 2024
Together . . . to the People
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***God's People: Life in the Church*
Acts 2:42-47**

Theme for 2024: *Together*

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**Sermon Title: *God's People: Life in the Church*
Text: *Acts 2:42-47***

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

-The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

-Nicene Creed

**We believe the *CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST ON EARTH
TODAY!* Jesus established the church and it exists to perform**

God's will on earth. Believers are to invest themselves in the life and work of the church. (Matthew 16:17-18; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 12:27)

The Church is a purposeful community of gathered believers following *The Jesus Way* together.

CONTEXT: In Luke 2:42-27, Luke pauses in his narrative about the miracle of Pentecost to offer a brief summary of the first church in the history of Christianity.

CHURCH LIFE: Discipleship – we learn how to be disciples at church!

CHURCH LIFE: Fellowship – we live in community with fellow believers at church!

CHURCH LIFE: Worship – we worship God together at church!

CHURCH LIFE: Service – we meet the needs of others at church!

CHURCH LIFE: Evangelism – we share the good news of Jesus with others and lead them to the church!