



*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (ESV)*

What a profoundly sweet declaration this verse is! What could be more vital to receive, hear, and believe! And exactly where in this world can one obtain such an assurance? Only in a church that holds true the gifts of confession and absolution that are found in the Divine Service of Word and Sacrament. Such a place is supported by

our Mission 1-1-1 dollars.

As we know, none of these promises are possible except through Christ's blood sacrifice given in exchange for our sinfulness and uncleanness. It is a timeless message that needs to be heard by believers, nonbelievers, and skeptics alike, all of whom are served in our mission field. As Jesus says in John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*