

OUR VALUES . . . what we believe

1. Our God is the Triune God:
the Father, the creator and preserver of all that exists,
the Son of God, Jesus Christ, God in human form, our Lord and Savior, and
the Holy Spirit, the here-and-now presence of God, calling us to faith,
making us holy, equipping us for the service, and keeping us in faith.
2. The Gospel is the Good News of God's love for all people as revealed in the
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the power of God to forgive and
save all who believe.
3. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the source and norm of our
proclamation, faith, and life.
4. The ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran confessional writings can be
helpful guides as they proclaim the Gospel in a changing world.
5. All of our actions are to be carried out under the rule and authority of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We serve in response to God's love to meet human needs.
7. We advocate dignity and justice for all people.
8. We stand with the poor and powerless and commit ourselves to their needs.
9. We nurture one another in the Word of God so as to grow in faith, hope, and
love.
10. We see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of our calling in the
world.
11. We use the gifts of the Spirit for our life together and for our calling in the
world.
12. We live together in the love of Christ and join with other Christians in
worship and service to express and preserve the unity, which the Spirit
gives.