

STATEMENT OF FAITH

St. John Lutheran Church and School

St. John Lutheran Church is part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS is a mission-oriented and Bible-based denomination that confesses the Christian faith in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The LCMS believes in the Triune God, who created all that exists; became man to suffer, die, and rise again for the world's redemption; and brings people to faith and new life through His Word and Sacraments.



St. John Lutheran School is a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church which fosters faith and learning by linking lives to Jesus Christ. As a Christian school, we integrate our Christian beliefs into everything we teach, and our curriculum includes daily teachings from God's Holy Word. St. John Lutheran School exists to help ground our students in living the Christian faith as taught by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We teach about the Bible, faith, and Salvation. We believe that:

- The Bible is the source and basis for all our beliefs. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
- All people and all faiths are to be shown respect. (Matthew 22:39)
- Only through faith in Jesus Christ can people be saved. (John 3:16)

We teach about God. We believe that:

- God is the Almighty, loving creator of everything and everyone. (Genesis 1:1)
- God is one God, but three equal persons (Triune). He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit – not three Gods but one God. (Matthew 28:19)
- God is the Judge before whom all people will give an account for the lives they lead. (2 Cor. 5:10)
- God is a Savior (Jesus) who died for our sins and arose from the dead. (Acts 4:11-12)
- God is the Author of the Bible who, through the Holy Spirit, inspired men to write what He wanted to communicate to humankind – especially who He is, His truths, and how He has come to the rescue of humankind through the work of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- God is Love. He loves all people perfectly and completely. (1 John 4:9-10)

We teach about people. We believe that:

- People are created individually and specially by God, male and female. (Psalm 139:13-16 and Genesis 1:27)
- People are loved always and completely by God. (John 3:16)
- People are expected by God to live lives of holiness and perfection. (Matthew 5:48)
- People are unable to obey God perfectly (everyone sins). (Ecclesiastes 7:20)
- People are forgiven their sins and given the gift of everlasting life in heaven only through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- People are unable to earn God's favor or forgiveness; rather we receive faith and forgiveness through the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- People, sadly, will be condemned to eternal suffering if they do not have faith in Christ. (Matthew 13:49-50 and John 14:6)

We teach about relationships. We believe that:

- People should submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)
- People should tell their friends how much the Lord has done for them and how he has had mercy on them. (Mark 5:19)
- Marriage is a holy union, created by God, and is intended to be between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:7, Ephesians 5:31, Corinthians 7:2)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16