



# CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### We Believe...

...in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* Matthew 28:19

...that God the Father has created the universe and everything in it. *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* Genesis 1:1

...that Jesus Christ is both true God and true man; that He suffered and died for us on the cross; He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will return at the last day to judge both the living and the dead. *“We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”* 1 Thess. 4:14

...that the Holy Spirit calls us to faith and leads us to a sanctified life here and on earth. *“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off -- for all whom the Lord our God will call.”* Acts 2:38-39

...that the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in all its parts. *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* 2 Timothy 3:16-17

...that our salvation is assured when we acknowledge Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior by accepting His death on the cross as the atonement for our sins. *“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ... know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”* Acts 4:8-12

...that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

...that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

...that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25)

...that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.)

...that any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

...that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Christ Community Lutheran School, and to provide a biblical role model to the Christ Community Lutheran School members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Christ Community Lutheran School in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by these statements on sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

...that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

...that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture.

...that Scripture is the final authority for matters of belief and conduct.

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Christ Community Lutheran School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is Christ Community Lutheran School's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.