

# Mission and Vision of Campus Lutheran Church

## Mission & Vision Summary

Campus Lutheran Church lives and shares the transforming love of Christ by reaching...

**Upward** in reliance on God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the source of our life, purpose, and salvation.

**Outward** to those who have not yet heard or experienced the Good News of God's life-saving love for them in His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Inward** to support, encourage, and build one another up as brothers and sisters in Christ as we live out His calling for our lives.

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## Core Beliefs

We believe...

- That the Holy Scriptures are the true, inspired and authoritative Word of God.
- That God is a Triune God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- That humans are born sinful and in need of God's forgiveness, love, and grace.
- That our sins are forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- That God's Word, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ways that God brings His forgiveness and grace into our lives.
- That eternal life is a free gift from God by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- That Jesus Christ will one day return as victorious Lord of all.

## Core Practices

- The truth of God's Word is clearly and boldly preached and taught.
- The Sacraments are faithfully celebrated.

## Vision Proper

**Where is God taking us?**

"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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." -- Matthew 28:19-20

We envision Campus Lutheran Church as a congregation that thinks, plans and acts in alignment with God's calling in the Great Commission. We see ourselves as a center for making new disciples from all nations in this generation and the next. We envision this taking place as the followers of Jesus are disciplined for living as new people in Christ and sharing His life-transforming love with others.

The congregation's mandate to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our community and world will determine the staffing, policies, priorities, programs, budget, and facility of Campus Lutheran Church.

## Mission

### What are we doing?

“Living and sharing the transforming love of Christ.”

## Motivations (Values)

### What do we experience as the body of Christ at Campus Lutheran?

Worship: Vibrant and Christ-centered

Outreach: Focused on those who do not yet know Christ as Savior

Service: Connects the community to Christ

Discipleship: Strong and growing through the Word of God

Leadership: Multiplying servants to multiply ministry (sending)

## Map (Strategy)

### How do we accomplish our mission on the broadest level?

We are committed to using our time, talent and available resources in order to carry out our mission and God’s purpose for us as a congregation. We do this through ministry that reaches...

**Upward** in reliance on God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the source of our life, purpose, and salvation. We need a connection to God. God needs to show and lead the way.

We recognize that vision and mission originate in God’s heart, they need to be received from God, and are brought about only by God’s power – not our imaginations. Therefore, our programs and activities take shape through a process of discovery that is marked by:

- Seeking God through His Word and prayer.
- Knowing the mission field in which we work and live (local campuses, Columbia, world).
- Considering the gifts and passions of the people who do the work (knowing our capabilities).

**Outward** to those who have not yet heard, experienced, or understood the Good News of God’s life-saving love for them in His Son, Jesus Christ. We need a connection to those who need God, and we recognize that many points of connection are needed in order to bring the Gospel to those currently living without Christ. To that end, what we do as a church goes beyond inviting people to come to us and focuses on our reliance on the Holy Spirit’s prompting and power within us to respond to Jesus’ command to GO. The goal is not to get bodies into a building, but to get *the Body of Christ* into the homes and gathering places of people in our community.

**Inward** to support, encourage, and build one another up as brothers and sisters in Christ as we live out His calling for our lives. We need a connection to those who know God, that is, to other believers. In our life together we are dedicated to supporting each other in our faith in Christ. We rely on the promises of God’s Word to demonstrate forgiveness, care, and the hope that is ours in Christ’s promise of everlasting life.

## Measures

### What does living and sharing the transforming love of Christ look like?

*(Quantitative and Qualitative)*

Followers of Jesus gathered in worship, prayer and Bible study.

Followers of Jesus reaching out to the community through witness and service.

Followers of Jesus growing in faith, serving one another, and building each other up in Christ.