

## Calvary Lutheran School's Statement of Faith

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When Christ gave His Great Commission (*Matthew 28:19-20*), He intended for all of His followers to “go and teach” about Him. This Great Commission has been served here in Kansas City, in part, by the establishment of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Calvary Lutheran School is a vital, growing part of the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church, in that it brings the Gospel to students and parents alike in its varied programs.

All people have sinned and need to receive the loving forgiveness of God, but “how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (*Romans 10:14 NIV*)

To this end, Calvary Lutheran Church, in 1948, founded a school to teach about God, as well as about His world. Calvary Lutheran Church's continued support has reinforced the Christian nurturing begun at home. It has also led to many students and parents meeting Jesus for the first time.

Calvary Lutheran School does this by following the Scriptures as our first and foremost teacher's manual. We teach the doctrines of Christianity espoused by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The following is a brief **Statement of Faith**.

- God created and still preserves the world.
- Man sinned and ruined our relationship with God.
- God's Son came to earth to live, die and rise again as a perfect Sacrifice for sinful people.
- The Holy Spirit works faith in people's hearts through the hearing of God's Holy Word and Baptism.
- This faith is strengthened by Holy Communion and further study of Scripture, with the Spirit's guidance.
- This faith leads us to live sanctified lives to God's glory and for the good of others.
- This faith is also the key to heaven's doors where we will spend eternity with our gracious and loving God.

- God uniquely and wonderfully created each person as male or female. These distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- 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, 1 Corinthians 7:2)

Because Calvary Lutheran Church believes the above teachings, they continue to support a school where each day's theme revolves around the cross. This theme is then reflected in all aspects of the education offered at Calvary Lutheran School i.e., the development of one's spiritual, social, physical, emotional, creative, and intellectual capabilities into a reasonable God-pleasing individual prepared for a Christian life on this earth and life hereafter.

Therefore, the **goals of Calvary Lutheran School** are the following:

- To use professional, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod trained or approved, and state-certified teachers, who know and love their Lord and who live their forgiveness every day.
- To point the students to God's love - on the cross and in the world - by making the lessons extensions of God's presence in their lives;
- To extend the influence of God's love into the students' homes by close communication with parents and strong encouragement of regular worship and prayer, along with faithful service to God;

Due to these goals, Calvary Lutheran School is a growing, loving, Spirit-breathing stronghold of God's mercy where children can come to Jesus and then take Jesus out with them!