

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Vision Statement, Core Values and Mission Statement
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VISION

Gathered by the grace and love of Jesus Christ, the people of Mt. Zion commit to know God deeply and to serve God gladly through the many and diverse gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

MISSION

With the assurance of God's faithfulness, we will

- nurture disciples
- extend healing and compassion
- work for justice

in our communities and throughout the world.

All people are welcome here.

CORE VALUES

1. Discipleship

We put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

As followers of Jesus, we believe people will know we are Christians by our love and by our practice of these marks of discipleship:

- Daily prayer
- Regular Bible study
- Weekly worship with other Christians
- Service at and beyond Mt. Zion
- Relationships that encourage spiritual growth in others
- Proportionate giving of time, talent and financial resources

2. Diversity

We are all called and united by one Savior, Jesus Christ, and are individually members of the Body of Christ, yet we are a richly diverse congregation.

We believe that our church is blessed as we welcome, include, support and encourage the sharing of each other's gifts without regard to

- Age
- Gender identity
- Ethnicity
- Marital status
- Sexual orientation
- Financial circumstances
- Physical or mental ability

3. Education

Christian education is a lifelong process of studying and learning God's Word with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We believe we will grow spiritually as individuals and as a congregation as we

- Thoughtfully participate in activities and engage in discussions that promote a deeper understanding of and faith in Christ and His promises
- Recognize and respect that individuals are at different points in their faith journey
- Share God's Word with others in a spirit of love and humility.

We are *passionate* about Christian education.