

## MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is an assembly of baptized believers in Jesus Christ called, gathered and enlightened by the Holy Spirit through Word and the Sacraments. As a metropolitan congregation of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, it has a mission as a leader that is local, regional, national and international and that mission includes the following:

1. To offer the best worship experience possible in keeping with the Lutheran understanding of the Word and Sacraments and with Lutheran tradition;
2. To be an inclusive congregation inviting all to come to faith in Jesus Christ, to share our gospel vision and to be part of our mission;
3. To educate all our members helping them to grow in faith in Jesus Christ and to relate that faith to life;
4. To serve the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of members and non-members alike, to be an advocate for justice and a loving presence in the lives of those who are hurt or hurting.
5. To encourage its members to be good stewards of their time, talents and treasures in response to God's love, to the church's mission locally and throughout the world, and to human need.

## VALUES

As an evangelical congregation, our **first value** is to invite all people of every race and condition to join our community of faith centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that they may know of God's grace and experience the joy of being part of God's Church.

As a Spirit-led congregation, our **second value** is to help our members and others to grow spiritually, to have a closer walk with God.

As a people who have been called to pick up the cross and follow Christ, our **third value** is to be a servant church that has significant ministries that help people, members and non-members alike, especially those most in need, to live whole lives.

As part of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of God and as a congregation that has been richly blessed with talented and committed people and with financial resources, our **fourth value** is to maintain and build upon our relationship with the wider church—locally, synodically, nationally and globally.

As a church that believes that creation is good, our **fifth value** is to be good stewards of the property of Christ Church, maintaining and improving it so that the church buildings are an environment in which a vibrant and responsive ministry can take place.