

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana
STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that:

– the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct Persons in one divine Being.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)

– the Bible is the holy, inspired Word of God and is the sole, infallible standard for Christian faith and practice.

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 Tim 3:16,17)

– what the Bible teaches is relevant for our times. It is a living word that speaks to our present reality and present needs.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

– the Bible reveals that all have sinned and are in need of salvation.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Rom. 3:22-23)

– God has made provision for our salvation in the physical death and physical resurrection of His only Son Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

– our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

– the true Church consists of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and who serve Him in spirit and in truth, and that this is the fellowship of all believers.

There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all in all. (Eph. 4:4-6)

– every Christian is called to proclaim in word and deed the saving message of our Lord Jesus Christ and to "...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind... and love your neighbor as yourself." Matt.22:37

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... (Matt. 28: 19-20)

– human life from conception to the end of life is God-created and thereby sacred.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Ps. 139:15b-16)

– because of Christ, we are called to passionately follow Jesus and respond by serving those in need, especially those with few options and opportunities.

The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. (Ps. 145:14)