

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD
P U R P O S E



Every person,
every congregation,
every ministry,

**BOLDLY
SERVING**

God's mission
in Christ.

G O A L S

identity

We understand and articulate our Lutheran/Christian identity and have an intentional plan to live it out.

discipleship

We have a transformed culture that considers faith formation and discipleship to be for all ages.

evangelism

We have a transformed culture around evangelism that says, "We have something to share."

congregational health

We are healthy and able to go through transition and conflict in ways that lead to positive growth.

connections

We increase synodical capacity to do God's work by strengthening connections between and within all expressions of our church.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are Lutheran

1. Grace-centered in Christ.
2. Biblically and confessionally grounded.
3. Our faith is renewed constantly in experience of the living Word through Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the cross and resurrection.

We are Church

1. Our primary unifying practice is weekly worship around Word and Sacrament and a grateful response of personal giving, service and hospitality.
2. As the Body of Christ, our interdependence is a gift of God that we are called to live out.
3. Our stories, worship, service and gifts are regularly magnified beyond us through collaborative partnerships that are local, synodical, national and global through the ELCA and beyond.

We are Evangelical

1. By the work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we can be open, gracious, strong and forgiving toward everyone.
2. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a possession to be safeguarded, but a means of grace and blessing to be flung into a broken world like seeds scattered to the earth.
3. Effectiveness in any ministry is measured by how far we extend the reach of the Gospel and the reconciling love of God beyond our walls.

We are Empowered

1. God is working in each of us for a more faithful future. Every gathering in grace and every ministry has more capacity to reach beyond itself than we know and more capacity for change than we have imagined.
2. Cultivating leadership that dares to increase our collective wisdom and facilitates needed change.
3. The Mission and Vision is not ours, but God's. We discern what God is doing in our midst and join God through our actions.