

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.**