## As Grace Lutheran Church, our passions for ministry are centered in...

## <u>Worship</u>

- Worship is a verb. We gather to worship the living God.
- Worshiping is rooted in God's Word, and is Gospel-centered.
- Worshipers of all generations are full participants.
- We come to worship with our whole selves, expecting that God meets us through the gifts of:
  - Prayer;
  - Preaching;
  - Sacraments of the Table and Font;
  - Music; and
  - Relationship, where we belong to God and to one another.
- As we worship, we acknowledge our local and global community.
- Our worship helps us experience:
  - Gratitude to God;
  - A challenge to grow and mature in Christ;
  - Comfort in the midst of pain or loss; and
  - o Healing and reconciliation, in ourselves and in our relationships
- In all of this, we are being shaped and taught to be a living expression of the crucified and risen Christ.

## **Community**

- We strive to embrace all people, inviting one another into the life of Christ to be renewed and reformed by God and by one another.
- We seek ways to be engaged in our neighborhoods, region and world in the name of Christ, for the sake of wholeness and justice in relationships.
- We expect that people of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, education levels, socioeconomic statuses, gender identities, and sexual orientations, are shown:
  - Support;
  - o Love;
  - Safety; and
  - Acceptance.
- We teach and learn together about the Scriptures and the joys and challenges of living the Christian life.
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## **Service**

- We give generously to better the lives of people around us, and to be part of God's mission in the world.
- We pursue long-term relationships with people and agencies outside the congregation.
- We serve with vulnerability, keeping the well-being of the other as our primary focus.
- We look to recognize how we are Christian servants in our daily lives and vocations.
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