

# Christ Centered Education

Many Lutheran churches have a school because the church recognizes the value of Christian education. Lutheran schools are known for their academic quality and for their ability to nurture spiritual development. As Christian schools, they include daily teaching about religion, and integrate Christian beliefs with every subject. Parents who are not Lutheran, but who are considering enrolling their child, may wonder, “What will they teach my child about religion at a Lutheran school?”

## **Lutheran Schools Teach the Bible**

- All scripture is inspired by God and is true in every part (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- The truth of the Bible is at the center of the Lutheran school curriculum. All areas of knowledge are centered in the teachings of Scripture (Matthew 4:4).
- The central teaching of the Bible is that only through faith in Jesus Christ can people be saved (John 3:16).

## **Lutheran Schools Teach about God**

- There is only one God, but there are three equal persons in the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:19).
- God the Father Almighty is the First person of the Trinity, the Creator of everything and everyone (Genesis 1-2). God the Son is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Savior, who died for our sins and rose from the dead (2 Timothy 1:10). God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, the Sanctifier, who gives us faith through His Word and Sacraments (Romans 5:5).

## **Lutheran Schools Teach about Salvation**

- God created us individually and specifically (Psalm 139:13).
- He gave us the Ten Commandments through Moses (Exodus 12:1-17).
- God requires us to obey His Law perfectly (Matthew 5:48).
- We are all sinners, unable to obey God perfectly (Ecclesiastes 7:20).
- God threatens to punish all who disobey His Law (Exodus 20:5).
- God saved us from hell by Christ’s sacrifice on the cross (Galatians 3:13-14).
- When Jesus died on the cross, he paid the price for all sins of everyone in the world (John 19:30).
- The Holy Spirit, who works through the Word of God, brings us to saving faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- God gives us the forgiveness of sins, seals us for eternal life in heaven, and strengthens our faith through the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion (Acts 22:16; Luke 22:19-20).

You want to provide the best for your child, not only in education but also in spiritual development. Many children are led by the Holy Spirit to believe what is taught in a Lutheran school. If you are not Lutheran, or do not have a church home, you may want to learn more about the Christian faith as taught in Lutheran churches and schools. It may be that God has led you to this place where you and your child can learn about God together!

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