

Core Values of the NALC

Christ-Centered - We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ, according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven - We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples – on our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world – must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded - We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused - We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provisions of resources, connections and information.