

## Core Values at Bethany

**Worship** - Worship centers and renews us. We uphold the living liturgical traditions of the Lutheran faith through our participation. Our worship and music reflect our family values, with something for everybody. Come as you are!

Scripture – Psalm 100:2,4, *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.”*

**Faith** - Faith is alive at Bethany through our Lutheran traditions, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our faith is nourished through sharing the sacraments, the Word proclaimed, and God's love and care expressed through our family of believers.

Scripture – Hebrews 11:1, *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

**Service** - We serve by giving of ourselves both within our church family and through our commitment to caring for our community. Everyone serves God and our neighbors through a diverse variety of gifts and talents in a multitude of settings. We grow in faith through service.

Scripture – Matthew 22:37-39, *“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

**Community/Family** - We are a family in Christ, fulfilling the need for connection to others, validated as people of God through our fellowship with one another, our youth and our neighbors.

Scripture – Hebrews 10:24-25, *“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*