

Epiphany

LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

~Where Love and Learning Meet~

Statement of Faith

Epiphany Lutheran Preschool is known for academic quality and for our ability to aid in moral development. We are a Christian school which includes daily instruction about God. We integrate our Christian beliefs into everything we teach. Epiphany Lutheran Preschool desires to ground our students in the Christian faith.

We believe that:

- The Bible is the source and basis for all our beliefs. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
- All people and all faiths are to be shown respect. (Matthew 22:39)
- Only through faith in Jesus Christ can people be saved. (John 3:16)

We teach about God. We believe that:

- God is the Almighty, loving creator of everything and everyone. (Genesis 1:1)
- God is one God, but three equal persons (Triune). He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit – not three Gods but one God. (Matthew 28:19)
- God is the Judge before whom all people will give an account for the lives they lead. (2 Cor. 5:10)
- God is a Savior (Jesus) who died for our sins and arose from the dead. (Acts 4:11-12)
- God is the Author of the Bible who, through the Holy Spirit, inspired men to write what He wanted to communicate to humankind – especially who He is, His truths, and how He has come to the rescue of humankind through the work of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- God is Love. He loves all people perfectly and completely. (1 John 4:9-10)

We teach about people. We believe that:

- People are created individually and specially by God. (Psalm 139:13-16)
- People are loved always and completely by God. (John 3:16)
- People are expected by God to live lives of holiness and perfection. (Matthew 5:48)
- People are unable to obey God perfectly (everyone sins). (Ecclesiastes 7:20)
- People are forgiven their sins and given the gift of everlasting life in heaven only through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- People are unable to earn God's favor or forgiveness; rather we receive faith and forgiveness through the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- People, sadly, will be condemned to eternal suffering if they do not have faith in Christ. (Matthew 13:49-50 and John 14:6)

We teach about morality. We believe that:

- God commands that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- We believe that any form of sexual perversion including but not limited to homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, adultery, and pornography are perversions of God's will regarding sexual intimacy. According to the Bible, God made us the gender He chose and attempts to alter one's gender is deviant from His will. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13, Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9, I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)
- We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)
- We believe that anyone involved in the promoting of such lifestyles as described above is out of harmony with God's design and the standards set forth for employment at Epiphany Lutheran Church and Preschool.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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