

Redeemer Lutheran School follows the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The core values of RLS:

'...I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified'

(1 Corinthians 2:2)

- † When we speak of our school as 'Christ-centered' we refer to the fact that all that we are and do is impacted by the mission of God's Son to save our souls by His redeeming death and resurrection - the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- † We provide a coordinated system of dynamic, appropriate, and exceptional Christian Education for the 21st century student.

*'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another'*

(John 13:34)

- † We build on the love, mercy, and grace of Christ to establish strong, healthy relationships within our school and community.

'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men'

(Colossians 3:23)

- † We empower and equip students to realize, develop, and use their God-given time, talents, and treasures to become models of service to Christ and others in the world.

'(Jesus said) ...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:19-20

- † We share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others through an intentional system of word and action.
- † We believe that Christian education is a critical part of the growth of the Kingdom of Christ on earth and the right development of our youth. Martin Luther said, *"When schools flourish, all flourishes,"* and *"I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth."*

The following are a few of the teaching positions of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LC-MS):

On the authority of Scripture

'...All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
(2 Timothy 3:16)

The Holy Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God providing authoritative guidance for our lives as believers who are grateful that He inspired these unique and sacred scriptures to be written for His people.

On God

*'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all'*
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

On the basis of the Holy Scriptures we teach that the One true God has revealed Himself as the Holy Trinity - Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit - three distinct persons, yet one God.

On Creation

*'By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God,
so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible'*
(Hebrews 11:3)

We teach that God is the creator of 'all things visible and invisible' (Nicene Creed). How he created our material world is recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days.

On Humanity and Sin

*'...sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men
because all sinned'*
(Romans 5:12)

We teach that God created people, not as animals, but in His own 'image' (Gen. 1:26- 27). This original perfection was lost when the first couple chose to disobey God's singular command not to eat of fruit forbidden to them. Through their disobedience, sin came into the world and has tarnished the created world ever since as described in Holy Scripture.

On Redemption

'God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16)

We teach that God, from the very beginning, had a plan to provide forgiveness of sin and eternal life through His own Son's atoning act of sacrifice. In the fullness of time, the eternal Son of God, for our salvation came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate as the historical record testifies. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again just as the Scriptures had said He would.

On Salvation

'...by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.' (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Lutherans believe, on the basis of God's Holy Word, that a person is forgiven and made eligible for Heaven by God's grace alone. It is not our conduct or performance that moves God to save us. In fact, we can't do anything to earn or deserve to be saved. God freely offers us full forgiveness and eternal life earned for us long before we were even born when His Son Jesus Christ died to redeem us by making atonement for our sin.

On Faith in Christ

'For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Corinthians 5:21)

We teach that faith or trust in Christ comes by hearing the Gospel (the message about how God reconciled sinners to Himself through the redemptive work of Christ). Since Christ has also given the sacraments that faith may be instilled in human souls and a saving connection to God be established and maintained, we teach that baptism is a way that God forgives sins and through the Holy Supper Jesus gives us His body and blood to eat and drink as further assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we abide in Christ and He in us (Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21, John 6:54-59, John 15:4, 1 Cor. 10:15-22).

On Conversion

'...open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (Acts 26:18)

We teach that conversion consists in this: people learn from the Law of God that we are sinners and the same Scripture that proclaims God's law (and our predicament) also proclaims the Gospel and the remedy for our sin and the way to eternal life that is Jesus Christ. Conversion refers to soul looking to, or turning to Jesus, by the drawing power of God's Holy Spirit, to regard Jesus Christ as the supreme object of trust and faith (Acts 11:21; Luke 24:46, 47).

Other Teaching Positions of the LCMS :

On Marriage and Sexuality

'Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous'. (Hebrews 13:4)

The LCMS believes that marriage is a divine institution, joining one man and one woman in a one flesh union, not to be broken until death parts them. A homosexual union is contrary to the will of God and, as with heterosexual sin, jeopardizes one's relationship with God. (Mark 10:9; 1 Romans 1:26-27 ; 1 Cor. 6: 9-20)

On Abortion

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you , before you were born I set you apart." (Jeremiah 1:15)

Scripture tells us the living, but unborn, are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception. Since abortion takes a human life, it is not an option, except to prevent the life of another – the mother.

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