

# *The Lutheran Perspective*

Lutheran Schools are known for their academic quality and for their ability to aid in moral and character development using God's Word as the foundation. Lutheran schools also include daily teaching of the Christian faith and integrate Biblical truths into everything they teach. As a Lutheran School we appreciate our Lutheran heritage, specifically the anchors of Faith alone, Grace alone, and Scriptures alone.

## **As a Lutheran School, Bethlehem believes and holds dear the following truths:**

- That the Bible is the source and basis for our beliefs. 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- God's Word is true, errorless, and unchanging. John 17:17
- That all people and all faiths are to be shown respect. Matthew 22:39
- That only through faith in Jesus can people be saved. John 3:16

## **As a Lutheran School, Bethlehem believes and teaches that God is:**

- The Almighty, loving Creator of everything and everyone. Genesis 1:1
- One God, but three equal persons. (Triune) Mathew 28:19
- The Savior who died for our sins and rose from the dead. 2 Timothy 1:10
- A Sanctifier who gives us faith through His Word and Sacraments. 1 Corinthians 6:11
- The Author of the Bible who inspired men to write every word as He directed. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Love. He loves all people perfectly, in spite of how they may act. 1 John 4:8

## **As a Lutheran School, Bethlehem believes and teaches that people are:**

- Created individually and specially by God. Psalms 139:13
- Loved always and completely by God. John 3:16
- Required by God to obey His law perfectly. Matthew 5:48
- Unable to obey God perfectly (everyone sins) Ecclesiastes 7:20
- Given eternal life through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. John 3:16
- Unable to earn God's favor or forgiveness. Ephesians 2:8-9
- Condemned to eternal suffering if they do not have faith in Christ. Romans 6:23
- Motivated by God's love to love all people and to serve God. John 14:23
- Eager to share the good news of God's great love for all. Acts 4:20