

MISSION & VISION

Gathered by Christ. Sent in His Name.

MISSION

My mission is to serve the Lord and His Church as an under-shepherd to the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, by faithfully proclaiming His name in Word and Sacrament and joyfully participating in His mission to make disciples of all nations. This calling rests on the conviction that the Church belongs to Christ alone and lives from His gifts. Through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, Jesus Himself continues to forgive sins, nourish His people, strengthen faith, and comfort burdened consciences. To serve in pastoral ministry, therefore, is to serve under Jesus' authority, according to His Word, and for the sake of those He has redeemed.

For that reason, pastoral ministry is regarded as a sacred trust. It entails the responsible stewardship of the means of grace, diligent care for souls with humility, patience, and love, and the unwavering focus on Christ at the core of the Church's existence and testimony. Additionally, it brings the joy of cultivating disciples who are anchored in God's Word, upheld by His gifts, and prepared to live as devout Christians within their homes, congregations, and daily vocations. In all actions, my fundamental aim is that Jesus Christ be glorified, His followers fortified, and His salvific name proclaimed among the nations.

VISION

My vision is for God's people to gather around the risen Lord, nourished by His gifts, strengthened in faith, and sent as Jesus' disciples into the world. Central to this vision is the conviction that Christ Himself gathers His Church through His Word, sustains her by His grace, and upholds her through the gifts He has appointed. As believers gather around the Gospel, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper, they are shaped into a community rooted in His mercy and anchored in His promises.

This vision also extends outward. Those whom Christ gathers and sustains are commissioned to their homes, vocations, congregations, and communities as ambassadors of His truth and love. The Christian vocation is marked by a steady rhythm of receiving and being sent, worship and witness, being nourished by Christ, and living in service to others. My desire is to see God's people living from the fullness of Christ's gifts and bearing Jesus' name into the world with faith, hope, and love.