



# In Christ We Are...



## GROWING YOUNG

Becoming a Jesus-centered community that equips diverse leaders, so that faithful young people can change our world.

- *SowSessions: Community gatherings to embrace core commitments*
- *Partnership with Bear Creek Camp*
- *Teaming up with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (LAMPa)*
- *Sponsoring and participating at local Pride events*



## GAINING STRENGTH

Helping and encouraging every leader and every congregation to find partners that can share resources and combine strengths.

- *Gaining Strength cohorts for NEPA Pastors & Deacons*
- *6261 Ministry Communities*
- *Witness & Service ministry grants*
- *Licensed Lay Ministry*



## GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE

Participating in transformational ministry inside or outside the Church walls, bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ by encouraging congregations to embrace their purpose and place in God's mission.

- *Legacy & purpose*
- *Endowment giving*
- *Faithful closure and seed money for new starts*

Northeastern PA Synod

# 3 LANES

# So we can...

# LOVE • HEAL • ENGAGE



## LOVE

### LOVE like Jesus

God is love, extending unconditionally to all creation and humanity. God's love encompasses the entire universe and resides within us, enabling us to love God and others. Jesus, God's love incarnate, calls us to love God and our neighbors as the greatest commandments (Mark 12:28-31). Understanding God's love empowers us to engage with others compassionately.

*Scriptures relating to LOVE:*

*Genesis 1:31, Genesis 1:26, Leviticus 25:23-24, John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, Romans 8:38-39, Romans 12:9-10, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 3:3, 1 John 3:16, 18, 1 John 4:16, 1 John 4:19*



## HEAL

### HEAL like Jesus

We all need healing, with God as our great healer. Jesus showed that part of being human involves being wounded, but through God's love and transformation, we can live without letting our wounds harm others. The world and its communities need healing, and we can honor others and creation. By recognizing our brokenness and seeking healing, we can support others on their journeys. Responding to others' wounds with grace, forgiveness, and compassion, while holding them accountable through love, is vital. Healing is crucial in ministry, and we can trust God's promise to be with us and tend to us.

*Scriptures relating to HEAL:*

*Psalms 6:2, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 9:36, Matthew 10:7-8, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Romans 8:22-26, 1 Timothy 2:4, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 21:4, Revelation 22:2*



## ENGAGE

### ENGAGE like Jesus

Engagement, defined as "to occupy the attention or efforts of another," helps us build deeper relationships within our churches and the greater community, allowing us to understand and respond to those who are hurting. It invites us to participate in God's ongoing work and respond to the Spirit's call. To effectively engage, we must remain rooted in God's love and tend to our own wounds, using contemplative practices to notice God's movement and the Spirit's guidance.

*Scriptures relating to ENGAGE:*

*Psalms 6:2, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 9:36, Matthew 10:7-8, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Romans 8:22-26, 1 Timothy 2:4, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 21:4, Revelation 22:2*