THE AUGSBURG VISION

*Adopted July 19, 2006*

*We are a—*

*Christ Centered, Gospel Driven, Bible Teaching*

*fellowship of churches, chapters, and confessors*

*Our life signs are—*

* **Worship** as
* **God’s “Divine Service”** by means of
* **Word and Sacrament** in, with, and under which
* **God comes to his people** and gives them faith
* **Spiritual Formation** through
  + **Prayer**
  + **Bible study**
  + **Christian Education**
  + **Mentoring**
* **Fellowship of and under the Cross** as
  + **members of the Body of Christ**
  + **community of faith (the “communion of saints”)**
* **Christian Vocation of and under the Cross** as
  + **Servants—**“masks of God” in the relationships and tasks of creaturely life and
  + **Set free in Christ’s faith (Gal. 5:1)** “to turn to our neighbor in our callings of our daily life (Rom. 12:1-3)

*We are “Heidelberg Disputation Lutherans,” emphasizing—*

* **Justification by Faith Alone as the article upon which the church stands and falls** ( its hermeneutical function)
* **The distinction between Law and Gospel**
* **Bondage of the Will**
* **Simul Justus et Peccator**
* **Preaching as Categorical** (The proper application of the “for you”)
* **The Word of God as Living, Clear, and Self-Authenticating**
* **The Five Solas (Faith alone, Grace alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone, Cross alone)**
* **Education and Training a Cadre of Heidelberg Disputation Pastors**