

## **Reconciling in Christ**

You are welcome here  
Whatever your country of origin or ancestry,  
and whether you are religious or not,  
Christian or not, or Lutheran or not,  
you are welcome here.

Whether you are male, female or transgender,  
young or old,  
straight, gay, lesbian or bisexual,  
you are welcome here.

Whether you are single or partnered,  
married, widowed or divorced,  
you are welcome here.

Whether you are wealthy or poor,  
own a home or rent,  
live at home or are homeless,  
you are welcome here.

Whatever your political views,  
whether to the right, to the left or to the center –  
you are welcome here.

Whatever your strengths or weaknesses,  
gifts or challenges,  
they will be honored,  
for you are welcome here.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is committed  
to being a loving and welcoming community  
centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In faithfulness to the Christian Gospel,  
in reflection of our Lutheran emphasis on grace,  
and in celebration of our shared baptismal journey,  
we promise to enter into ministry with all who seek God here.

We invite you to join us for worship  
and to take up your place with us in ministry  
for you are welcome at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

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