

Reconciling In Christ

Affirmation Statement

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 transgendered,
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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