

# Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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## Gathering

*The carillon is rung and calls all to a time of silence in preparation for worship. Prayers for this time are found on page 72 in the front of the hymnal.*

### Prelude

Schafe können sicher weiden, BWV 208

-J. S. Bach

(*Sheep May Safely Graze*)

*The assembly stands and turns to face the cross.*

### Gathering Song

The Day of Resurrection

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### Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of + the one  
who was, who is, and who is to come.


**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues with prayer. The following response will occur twice:*

**Baptized into you, O Living One,**

**Make us one as you are one.**

*The presiding minister continues with prayer. At the conclusion of the thanksgiving, the assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of the gift of baptism. All may make the sign of the cross when touched with water.*

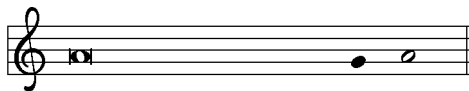


*The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

At the font, the church recalls and gives thanks for God's saving action in water and, trusting in God's promise, asks God to do with *this* water all that God has promised to do in baptism.

Even in the light  
of the joy of the  
resurrection, we  
plead for God's  
mercy and peace  
on us and for the  
whole world.

## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



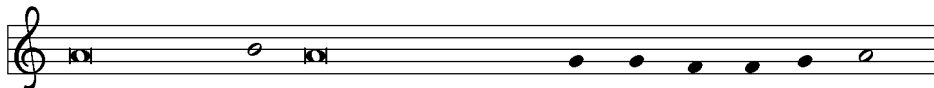
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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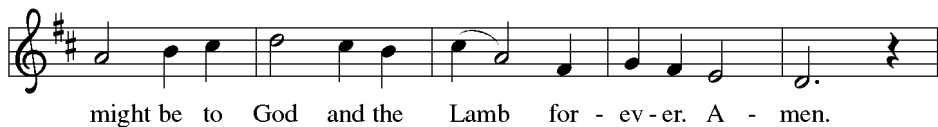


2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

The *Song of the Lamb* from Revelation concludes our time of gathering as we prepare to feast on the word of God.



## Greeting

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Sprit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

**First Reading**

Acts 9:36-43

## Palabra

*God speaks to  
us in scripture  
reading,  
silence,  
preaching,  
and song.*

## Psalm

Psalm 23

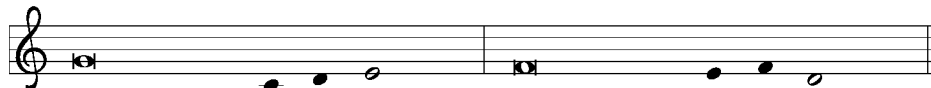
The assembly sings the refrain after the cantor/choir, then the verses in bold to the Psalm tone below.

Refrain:



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm Tone:



<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>|</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>|</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>|</sup>side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>|</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>|</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall<sup>|</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>|</sup> comfort me.**

**-Refrain.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>|</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>|</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>|</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>|</sup> LORD forever. -Refrain.**

## Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The meditation bell calls us to a time of silent reflection as we continue to listen how God speaks through the scriptures.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Leader, then all.*



*Proper verse:* Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. (*John 10:14*)

*The alleluias are repeated.*

## Gospel

John 10:22-23

*At the announcement:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Hymn of the Day

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

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## Creed

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. † Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

### **Peace**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say  
Peace be with you or similar words. Then the assembly is seated for the  
congregational announcements.*

# Cena

God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ.

## Meal

### Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Loose offerings go to the Immanuel General Fund. The choir makes an offering of music.

### The Lord is My Shepherd

- Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want; He maketh me down to lie in green pastures, He leadeth me, Besides the still waters, Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For you are with me, you will comfort me You are with me you will comfort me Comfort me Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will't dwell in the house of thy Lord forever.

*The assembly stands.*

### Be Not Afraid

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features the same treble and bass staves as the first system, with the melody and accompaniment continuing through the final measures of the piece.

*The assisting minister leads an offering prayer.*



## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right** to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first line includes the word 'And' in bold. The second line includes 'We lift' in bold. The third line is a simple declarative sentence. The fourth line includes 'It is right' in bold.

*The presiding minister continues with the preface; the assembly responds:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The acclamation continues with the following responses:*

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

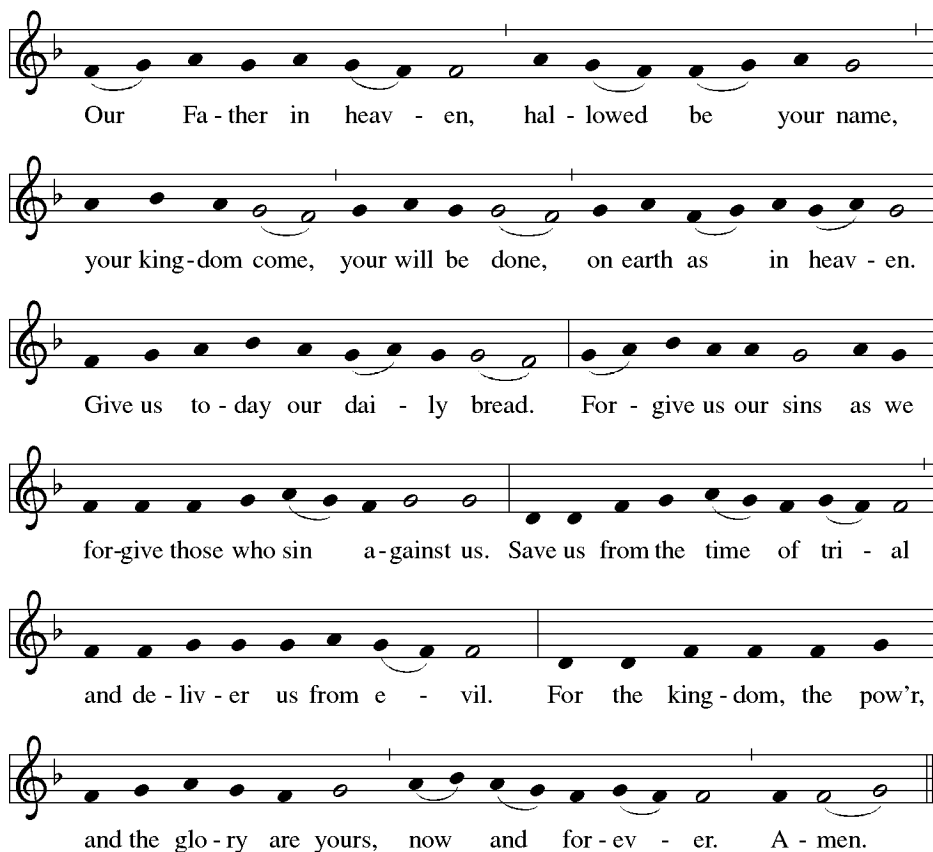
Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

*The great thanksgiving concludes:*



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*The bread is broken for communion.*

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*The assembly is seated.*

We keep the feast by becoming what we eat. We are strengthened for resurrected life by feasting on the Paschal Lamb and sharing in a foretaste of the feast to come.

## Communion

*All who desire communion are welcome at Christ's table. People may come forward for communion. Bread is received in the hands. Wine may be received by the pouring chalice into individual cups. You may also reverence the presence of Christ in the chalice with a solemn bow. Gluten free bread is available. People choosing not to commune are invited forward for a blessing and may indicate so by folding hands across the chest.*

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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## Prayer after Communion

## Envío

*God blesses  
us and sends  
us in mission  
to the world.*

# Sending

## Blessing

## Sending Song

For All Your Saints, O Lord

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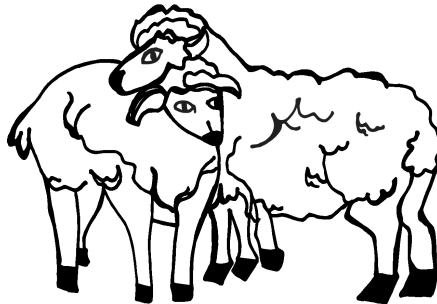
## Dismissal

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude

Erstanden in der Heilige Christ, BWV 628  
(*Christ our Lord is risen today*)

- J.S. Bach



Our Easter celebration continues. The season of Easter is a “week of weeks” – seven weeks – until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

## GATHERING SONG – The Day of Resurrection! (#361)



- 1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
- 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
- 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

# HYMN OF THE DAY – Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (#544)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lent and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



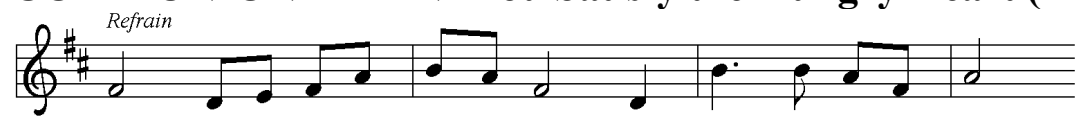
Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

## COMMUNION HYMN- You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (#484)

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



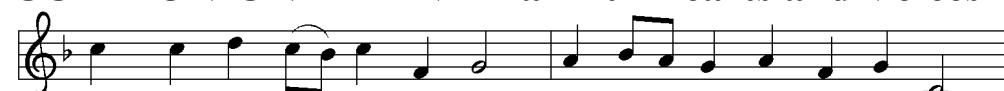
- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## COMMUNION HYMN- Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (#204)



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## SENDING SONG – For All Your Saints, O Lord (#427)



- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
- 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
- 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Prayer of the Day**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading: Acts 9:36-43**

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the

Lamb!”<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”<sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

### **Gospel: John 10:22-30**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.<sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

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# WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures, and challenges our life together as followers of Jesus Christ and as servants to the world.

Because we believe that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place. No matter where you come from, no matter what age, race, socio-economic, family, or immigration status, no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

*Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace. It's that simple, it's that amazing!*

