

Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church ♦ A Living Sanctuary of Hope and Grace

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

Voluntary on a Swedish Hymn Tune

-Bengt Hambræus

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross.

Gathering Song

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

#651

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.

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.

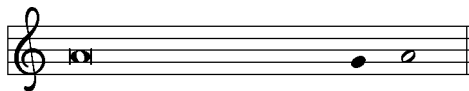


The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

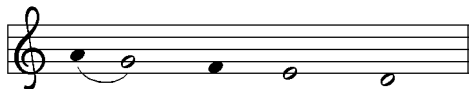
At the font, the church recalls and gives thanks for God's saving action in water and, trusting in God's promise, asks God to do with *this* water all that God has promised to do in baptism.

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.



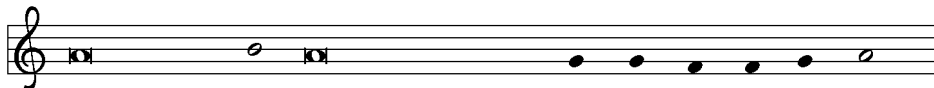
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



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

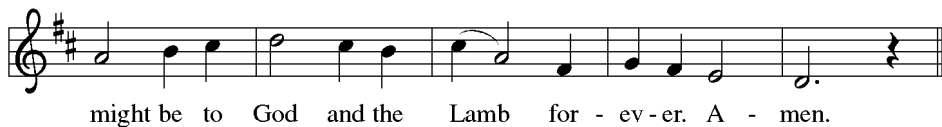


2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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.



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm

Psalm 148

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

Refrain:

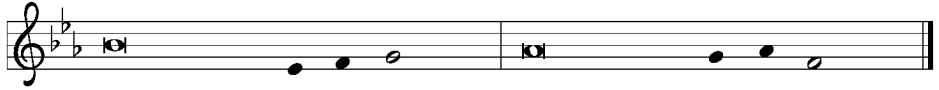


The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

Palabra

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

Psalm Tone:



- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. - Refrain**
- ⁷Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- ¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. - Refrain**
- ¹³Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**The Lord has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah! - Refrain**

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

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Leader, then all.



Proper verse: Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. (*John 13:35*)

The alleluias are repeated.

Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

#359

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.

Love One Another

- John Bell

Refrain: Love on another for love is of God. Those you live in love, God lives in them.

1. Those who show love are the children of God; Father and mother is God to them.

Refrain

2. God showed his love in the face of the Son; Christ lives in us so that we might live through him. *Refrain*

3. Love has no place for the menace of fear; Fear is abandoned where love is found. *Refrain*

4. Love has its purpose in God's holy will; We learn to love from one who loves us first. *Refrain*



The assembly stands.

Don't Be Afraid

All Creation Sings #1027

Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a similar melody. The third staff begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

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 consists of four staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The first staff has a 7-measure rest before the first phrase. The second staff has a 7-measure rest before the second phrase. The third and fourth staves begin with a 4-measure rest before their respective phrases.

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.

The acclamation continues with the following responses:

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

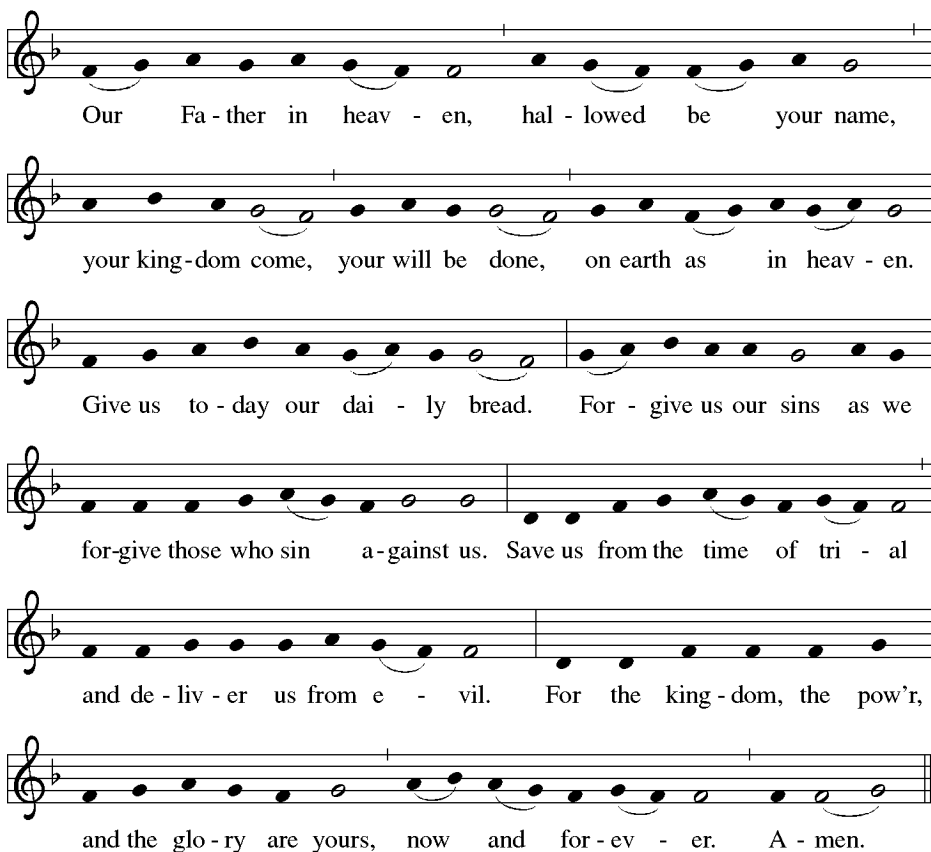
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Taste and See

#493

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

#204

Prayer after Communion

Envío

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

#367

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

Festal Postlude on the Tune “Now All the Vault
Of Heaven Resounds”

- William Faulkes

Today’s Texts.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These

six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

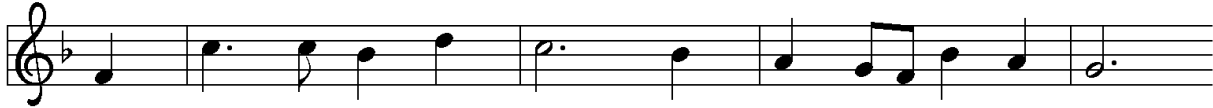
¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

GATHERING SONG – Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (#651)



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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| <p>6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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HYMN OF THE DAY – Where Charity and Love Prevail (#359)



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

COMMUNION HYMN- Taste and See (#493)

Refrain - All

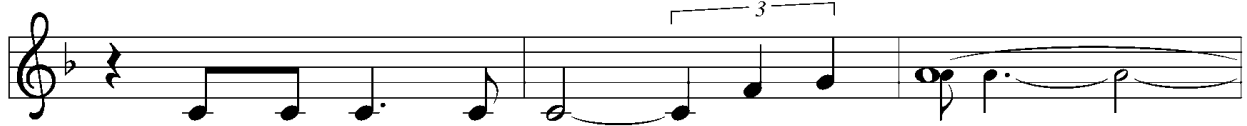


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
- 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
- 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



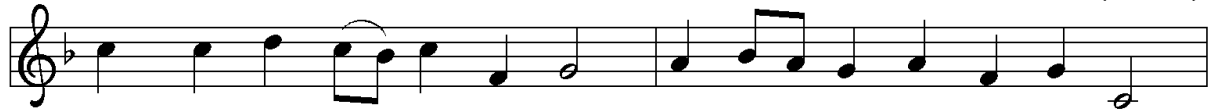
my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

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 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (#367)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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