

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day June 16, 2024

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Welcome to Emanuel

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

• Large print bulletins are available. •

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Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

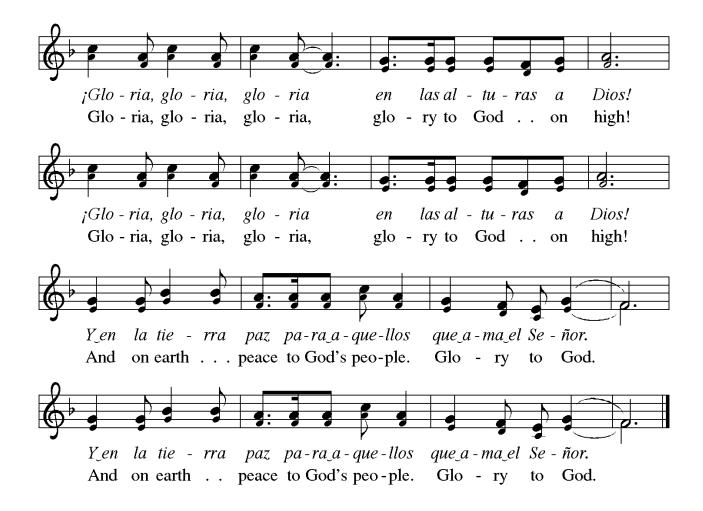
JUNE 16, 2024		
PRELUDE		
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
WELCOME VICAR A.	J. GASTON AND FAMILY	
TEMPLE TALK		Bob Reuter
OPENING HYMN	As Rain from the Clouds	Page 18-19
CONFESSION AND F	ORGIVENESS	
P: Blessed be the holy Tr the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.	inity, 🕂 one God,	
Amen		
P: Drawn to Christ and se let us confess our sin.	eeking God's abundance,	
P: God our provider,		
of the world in which we We turn to our own under rather than trusting in ye We take offense at your Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn Share with us the words and feed us for life in the	when they differ from the ways e live. erstanding ou. teachings and your ways. ? s of eternal life e world. Amen	
P: Beloved people of God in Jesus, the manna fr you are fed and nouris By Jesus, the worker o there is always more t Through Jesus, I the you are shown God's i you are forgiven and lo	om heaven, shed. f miracles, han enough. bread of life,	

Amen

KYRIE—everyone sings



GLORIA



GREETING

P: 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

P: Let us pray together....

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

- ⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- ¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- ¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

HYMN

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 4.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) Please be seated.

CEDMON	
SERMON	

Pr. Lyn

HYMN OF THE DAY For the Fruit of All Creation

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APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION congregation responds with "receive our prayer."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **A:** In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.
- **P:** The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

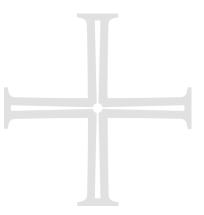
We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Sing)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

Build Us Up, Lord Almighty God, Your Word is Cast Page 22 Page 23

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P: Let us pray:

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Sent Fort by God's Blessing

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements: Week of June 16, 2024

Welcome! Vicar A. J. Gaston, Tracee & Alan, we are excited to begin this journey with you and look forward to all God has in store for us in the year to come.

During the first Visioning & Wondering session we explored areas that define "Resources". The second session we discussed findings from session one and completed a vitality survey. Please take a few minutes to do this survey if you didn't on May 26th. The office has copies and it takes less than 10 minutes.

Session three will be June 30th after worship. Please plan to attend because every voice matters and every opinion will be heard.

During the summer - June 22nd, July 13th, and August 24th, (Saturdays, 5:00 pm) join me and other pizza lovers for "Pizza with the Pastor".

Build your own pizza, enjoy fellowship with others, and ask those burning questions you've been dying to ask! A free will offering will be available to defray costs.

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Dear members of Emanual Lutheran Church;

After reviewing the operating financial report for May that reports an \$18,935 shortage of pledged giving, year to date.

Maria needed to transfer funds from the Mission Investment Operations Reserve to pay for the May bills.

I realize the financial situation of high inflation is hurting all of us, which includes the expenses of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Hopefully and Pray-fully we can overcome this situation with increase giving so all the bills can be paid.

The finance team thanks all of the Emanuel membership for your financial support and support of our church and staff.

They are truly a gift of God.

Thank You, Robert Reuter, Treasurer, ELC

Bible Readings for June 23 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Job 38:1-11 Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

90th Anniversary Celebration: Donation Opportunities

Thank you to all of you who have donated toward the anniversary quilt blocks. You may still contribute and dedicate a block in honor, or in memory of someone special.

As we plan for our 90th anniversary year there will be ongoing needs for funding. A special dinner is being planned, with commemorative glassware, musicians, a celebration brunch and other events that bring necessary costs. Might you consider contributing toward these and other miscellaneous costs associated with the year of celebration? If so, you may use the QR code (below) and direct your donations to the "90th Anniversary Celebration". If you prefer to write a check, please note "90th Anniversary Celebration" on the memo line. Your generosity is appreciated. We are looking forward to an amazing year!





PROVIDE SHOES & BACKPACKS FOR KIDS THIS SUMMER

Modesto Gospel Mission's 'Kicks 4 Kids' Back-to-School Drive Needs Your Help!

The Modesto Gospel Mission is gearing up for their annual "Kicks 4 Kids" back to school event, and they need your help! The event is aimed at helping underserved youth in the community start the school year off on the right foot by providing them with brand new shoes and backpacks.

The Modesto Gospel Mission has been serving the community for 75 years, providing food, shelter, and clothing to those in need. The "Kicks 4 Kids" event is just one of the ways they are working to support the underserved youth in the area.

The event is set to take place July 29th, and the Modesto Gospel Mission is currently accepting donations of shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to ensure that every child in attendance will receive the supplies they need. They are asking for new shoes in a variety of sizes, as well as backpacks and supplies that are appropriate for children in elementary, middle, and high school.

This year's "Kicks 4 Kids" event is especially important as many families are still recovering from the financial impact of the pandemic. With the rising costs of back-to -school supplies, many families simply cannot afford to purchase these essentials for their children.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Let's work together to ensure that every child has the supplies they need to succeed in school!

Be on the lookout for more information as it is announced by following the Modesto Gospel Mission on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/modestogospelmission</u>

Ongoing Announcements

Food For Faith (FIGS): We will collect non-perishable food for them every 1st Sunday. See the open trunk and monthly "Trunk Master".

Text Study: Every Monday, year-round, in Luther Hall at 11:30 am. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7 am on Saturday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — on break until September.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

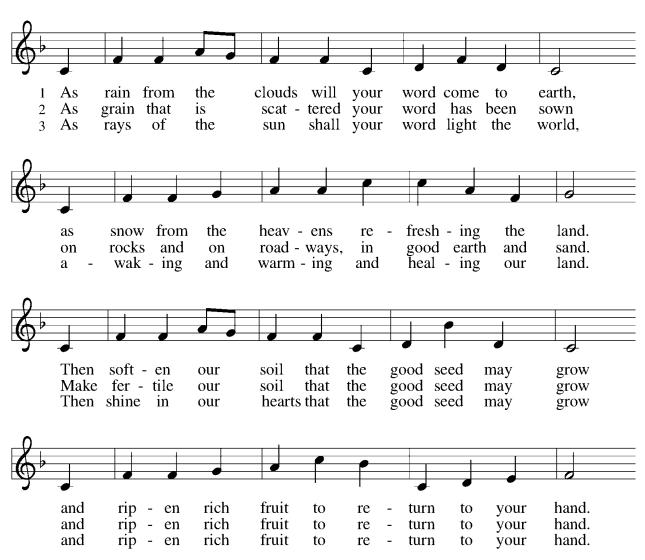
Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

Miriam Circle meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.



As Rain from the Clouds

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Entrance (continued)



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God of the Fertile Fields

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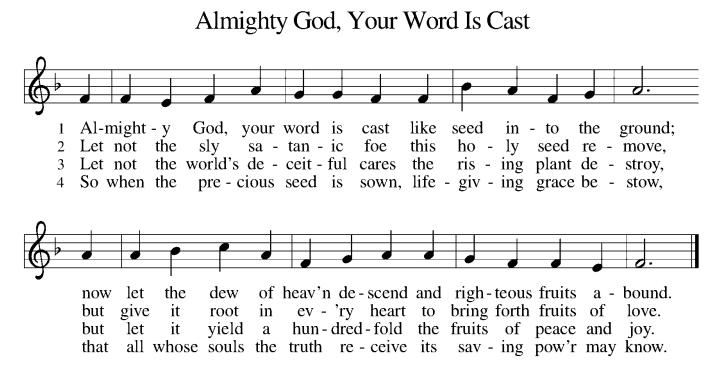
Build Us Up, Lord



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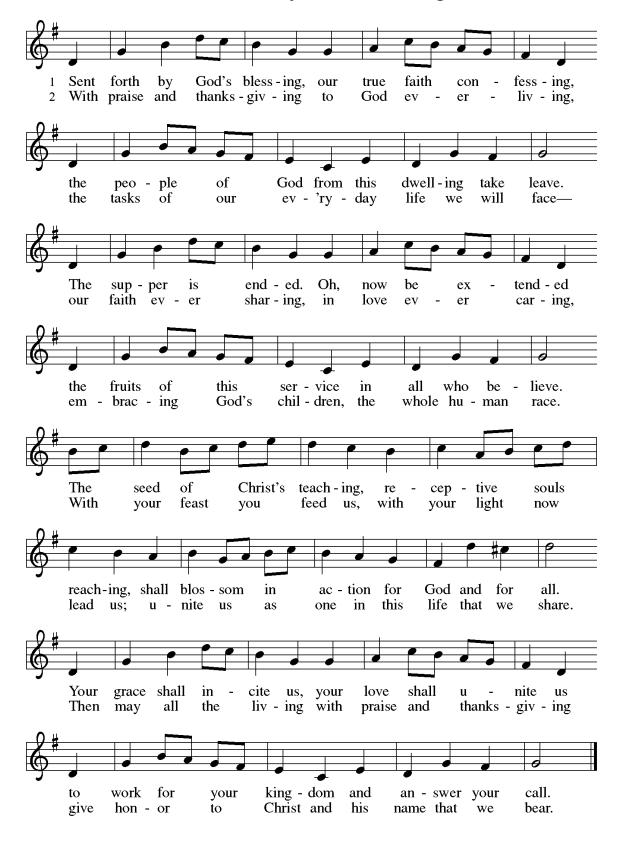
Communion Hymn



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Sending Hymn

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Prayer Requests: June 16, 2024

- Prayers for well-being & health for Marian McKenzie, Ian McKenzie's mother & Chris Schmidt's sister
- ✤ Prayers for healing & well-being for Nancy LaBello, friend of Kristine Kraft

On-going Prayers:

- 1. Tom Norquist—Comfort & peace
- 2. Pat Norquist—healing & well-being
- 3. Sam Gierhan, Sr.—healing & well-being (Petersen)
- 4. Linda Lee—health & well-being (Lee-Renouf)
- 5. Jack Smith & family—comfort & peace
- 6. Marilyn Rowland-health & well-being
- 7. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 8. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- 9. Rose Epting—healing
- 10. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 11. Chris Paulsen—strength in adversity
- 12. Laurie Spinuzzi-healing & well-being (Silva)
- 13. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 14. Xavier Montanz—healing & well-being/ successful surgery in June (Marquez)
- 15. Tiffany—comfort & peace (Loeffler)
- Marian Schmidt McKenzie—slowing the progression of Parkinson's disease (Schmidt)
- 17. Anthony Pinto—health, healing, well-being (Nelson)
- 18. Joan Doyle—health & well -being (Nelson)
- 19. Glenna Toste—cancer (Silva)
- 20. Julia Polillio—healing & recovery from COVID (Silva)
- 21. Deborah Bauer—health & healing (Tchmola)
- 22. George-brain cancer (Kim/ELDC)

- 23. Aaron Strait—success in every aspect at his new location
- 24. Kari—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 25. Goldie Harris—comfort & peace (Harris)
- 26. Carl Schmidt—healing (Schmidt)
- 27. Bob Reuter & family—comfort & peace
- 28. Kim Keen-health & well-being (Harris)
- 29. Dick Lippert—healing (D. Norquist)
- 30. Jacqueline—healing & well-being (Hoaglund)
- 31. Logan S., age 10—healing of leukemia (Jeff Hopson)
- 32. Manuel Furtado-healing (Norquist)
- 33. Patti V.—healing & well-being/lung cancer treatment (Maylen)
- Ian McKenzie—acceptance of new temporary Santa Barbara apartment (Schmidt)
- 35. Gary Johnson– healing after an injury (Crawford)
- Marge Thomas—Alzheimer's diagnosis (Rowland)
- 37. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
- Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
- 39. John Smith— healing (Smith)
- 40. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

CALENDAR | JUNE 17 - 23

Monday, June 17

11:30 am	Text Study: Luther Hall	
1 pm	Leah Circle meets off-site	
6 pm	Sergio cleans the Sanctuary	
<u>Tuesday, June 18</u>		
6 pm	Radiant Family Night (through July 30th)	
<u>Wednesday, June 19</u>		
	Office & Day Care CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth Holiday	
<u>Thursday, June 20</u>		
10 am	Organ Practice: Sanctuary	
1:30 pm	Rebecca Circle meets off-site	
2 pm	Memorial Service for Barbara Norquist: Luther Hall, Augustana & Kitchen	
<u>Friday, June 21</u>		
6 pm	Sergio cleans the Sanctuary	
<u>Saturday, June 22</u>		
7 am	ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto	
5 pm	Pizza with the Pastor: Luther Hall & courtyard	
<u>Sunday, June 23</u>		
9:30 am 10:45 am	ELC Worship Service ELC Sunday School	
3 pm 5 pm	Radiant Leadership Radiant Worship Service	



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.