



# Trinity's Affirmation of Welcome

## 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 centre—  
you are welcome here.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church is committed  
to being a loving and welcoming community  
centred 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 Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Master, which is the great  
commandment in the law?

Jesus said to him, *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.* This is the first and great commandment.

The second is similar, *You shall love your neighbour as yourself.* On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

— Matthew 22:36-40