



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church

Welcome Statement

Who We Are

The congregation of Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church affirms that "All are welcome in this place." We celebrate the words of the apostle Paul: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Here are the words of invitation we use to welcome people to the table of the Lord: "*The Risen Christ has invited us to this table. Whoever you are, however you feel, for whatever reasons you are here, come to the feast. Whatever your condition, whatever questions you have, wherever you are on your spiritual journey: know that our host is the one who has given his life for the world, the one who was raised to new life, and the one who invites us to come to the table.*"

We are a community whose members differ in age, ethnicity, social status, and vocation. Our journeys in life often look very different on the surface. But we believe that God's love changes everything--for everybody. Our faith tradition is based on a life-transforming story that is both ancient and timely. It is a story of a powerful and patient God who has boundless love for all people in the world. It is a story of Jesus Christ changing lives. It is a story that brings comfort and strength to all people today.

We believe all people share the worth that comes from being loved and forgiven children of God. We want it to be known that we welcome all people--regardless of race, age, culture, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family status, marital status, gender identity, physical or cognitive ability, or economic condition--into the life-transforming story of Jesus Christ at this congregation.