

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 2021



The Sea of Galilee as it looks today.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *What a Friend we Have in Jesus*

David Cherwein

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Hymn # 756

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Praise and Thanks and Adoration*

Hymn # 783

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (Please sing responsively)

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the

power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they

were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

Hymn # 767

THE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ 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 into hell. 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.

THE PRAYERS

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of creation, you laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, you keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of liberation, you are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. We celebrate with our African American siblings this weekend of Juneteenth, remembering the end of slavery in this country. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God, our loving parent, your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of healing, today we pray especially for the Dougan family, Kevin, Troy, Jack, Kathy, Maryn, Angie, Dell, Mary, and those we name before you now either silently in our hearts or spoken from our lips... Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another from their assigned spaces in the name of the Lord. Please **do not** move around the sanctuary at this time.*

Peace be with you.

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING:

During this time of offering, we ask that you remember the church's ongoing expenses and our ongoing need to be generous people of God. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate located in the hall next to the family mailboxes or mailed to the church. You may also visit our website at gethsemanestl.org to donate electronically. For those worshiping at home, this is a good time to gather together elements for Holy Communion.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

arr. Dr. Aria Thomé

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. 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.

P: In this celebration of Holy Communion, Christ is truly present and gathers us together in one body, thru the mystery of the Holy Spirit. The chalice and basket here, dearly loved instruments of serving the sacrament, sit empty as a sign of our unity, for those partaking Christ's body and blood in their homes, as well as for us gathered here, using these small prepackaged cups of wine and a wafer. Jesus promises to be with us and we trust his promise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

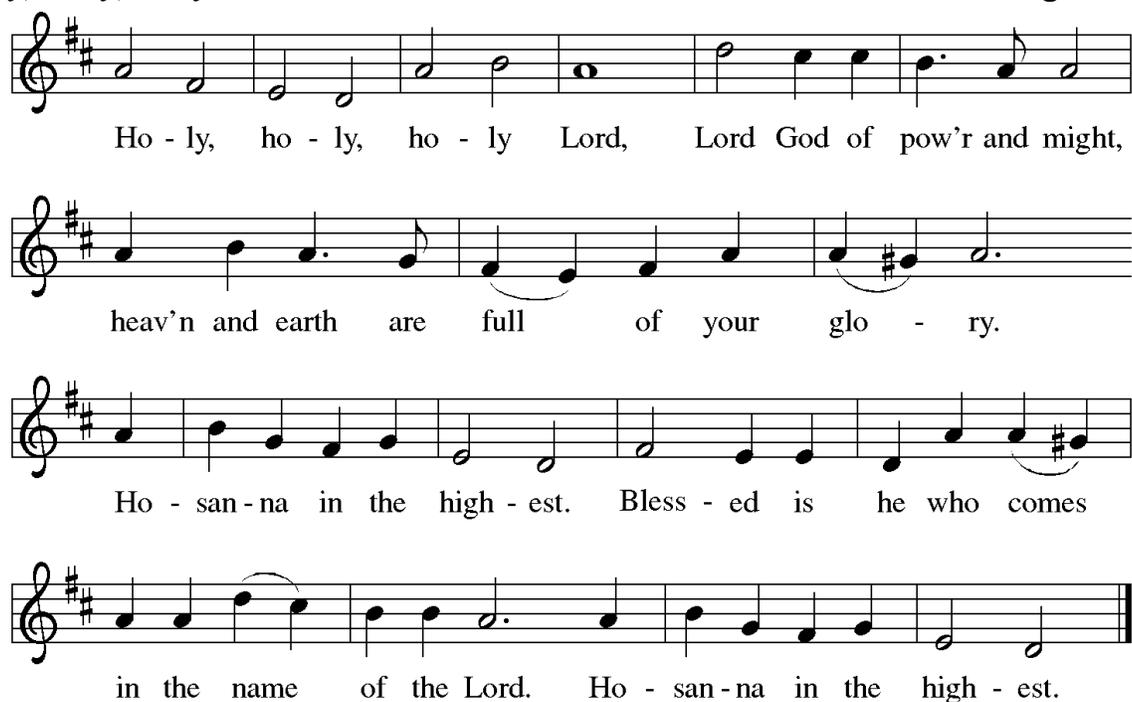
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The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

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

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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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The congregation is seated.

COMMUNION

(All who seek the Lord are welcome to receive the gift of God's grace. Those participating in in-person worship will find their Communion supplies in the Narthex outside of the sanctuary.)

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

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God

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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.

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

God of the Sparrow (Verses 5&6)

Hymn # 740

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG: *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Hymn # 763

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Chas Hathaway

Please refrain from stopping for fellowship until you have exited the building.

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Today's flowers were given by Joan Williams, Lois and Jack Wind in memory of our loving fathers Harold Schenck and Cletus Wind. Blessings and Happy Fathers' Day to all Fathers and Like Fathers.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
June 20- 27, 2021

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service: In-Person and Streaming live on YouTube
	10:30 am	Outdoor Fellowship with Gus' Pretzels
	10:45 am	Youth Sing-Along
6/21 Monday	All Day	Online Make Music Day – GLC YouTube
6/23 Wednesday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Zoom Bible Study: Caring for Creation
6/26 Saturday	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop from Kansas for Overnight
6/27 Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am	Worship Service: In-Person and Streaming live on YouTube Outdoor Fellowship Youth Sing-Along

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Zoom Bible Study: Please plan to join us Wednesdays in June, for an online discussion about the ELCA Social Statements. This month, the focus will be Caring for Creation. Discussions will start at 7pm. Go to the church website or see the Friday e-news for a link. This study will be recorded and made available to those who contact the church office.

Gethsemane Rummage Sale: Saturday, July 31. We are still in need of volunteers weekly through the day of the sale to help price and sort items. Volunteers will also be needed Saturday, July 24th to move items from the Sunday school classrooms to the fellowship hall, and on July 30th and 31st to help with the sale. All volunteers and those who donate items for the sale may attend the pre-sale on July 30th. Please contact the church for more information.

Make Music Day, St. Louis: We are excited to announce that Gethsemane will be participating in Make Music Day, St. Louis, tomorrow, June 21st. Unfortunately, everything will be online again this year. To access this year's compilation of acts, go to the church website and click on the Make Music Day link. Videos will be available for 24 hours starting at 12:01am.

Family VBS in the Park: Gethsemane will host a modified Vacation Bible School in July on Wednesday, July 14, 6-8pm **AND** Saturday, July 17, 9am-12pm. VBS will be all outdoors and the entire family is encouraged to attend. The cost is free and the link to register or volunteer is on Gethsemane's website!

Summer Music: The bell choir and vocal choir will be having summer rehearsals over the summer! Bells at 6:00 pm and vocal choir at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of the month. All rehearsals will be open rehearsals, meaning those who are not already in one of the choirs are welcome to participate, or “try it on”! No experience necessary. You will be mentored along the way! Bell and vocal choir rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary. Masks must be worn and vocal choir members must be vaccinated to participate. Hope to see you there!

Pride Celebration Sound Healing: As another beautiful Pride month comes to a close, come relax in the peace of mind knowing that awareness and acceptance are expanding & opening ~ helping all individuals feel their inherent freedom to be exactly who they are at all times and in all situations. You are invited to join Dr. Aria Thomé, Gethsemane’s Choir Director, as she and her friend SiriAtma Kaur lead a time of gentle movement, stretching, and relaxation. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on ~ feel free to lie down with a pillow, even cover up. As the sounds of the singing bowls, chimes, & gongs wash over you, your mind will take you to a very calm and open space within. Admission is \$20/per person in advance and \$25/at the door. Your advanced payment to <https://www.paypal.me/siriatma> or Venmo @SiriAtma-Kaur is your registration. Masks must be worn by all in attendance.

Wiggle Bag Ministry: The office is looking for help with Gethsemane’s Wiggle Bag Ministry. What is a Wiggle Bag? These are the brightly colored bags filled with “quiet toys” for use by families with small children during worship services. Bags hung on the Wiggle Bag Tree have been sanitized and are safe to use. Bags placed in the blue tub require cleaning. Please help us keep the tree full by contacting the church office and offering to help. About 1 hour of time per week commitment.

The Big Ask: For June we are collecting shampoo, conditioner and bars of soap for our food pantry partners: Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony’s. Items will be collected throughout the month at the church during worship and normal business hours. You can also purchase items online and have them sent directly to Gethsemane using the link on the church website. Non-perishable food items such as canned soup and vegetables, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, and jelly are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Time for School: Isaiah 58 Ministries is planning to host our Back-to-School fair this year on July 24th (with a rain date of July 31st). They have asked Gethsemane members to collect compasses and protractors. Our goal is 35 of each. We are also collecting socks and underwear in a variety of sizes from preschool to adult. Watch the Friday e-news for a link to Amazon shopping to have the items shipped directly to Gethsemane.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Dougan Family – support through transitions

Jack Jaworski & Kathy Lee – continued health and strength

Kevin Kopplin – continued health and strength

Troy Mann – during his cancer treatments

Maryn Olson & Angie Fulton- support and comfort

Dell Roth & her mother Mary Roth – strength and healing

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
My sister, Katrina (strength, peace)	<i>Denise Buehrer</i>
Phil and Joy (healing, peace)	<i>Gustafson Family</i>
Jack's son Kenny who was recently hospitalized	<i>Jaworski/Lee Family</i>
Gretchen's mom, Lyn Schmidt (understanding, support)	<i>Jenson Family</i>
Laura Pfeiffer-Thomson (healing, patience, strength), Julia Sodd (healing, patience, strength)	<i>Rodney Jones</i>
Sheila (recovery), Tyla and Robin (successful Breast Cancer treatment). Favorable weather for farmers of the world.	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
My cousins Beverly and Linda	<i>Moe Family</i>
Patty (strength, healing) as she begins cancer treatment	<i>Cayce Morice</i>
Our family, especially, Maryn's dad, Phillip Olson (who is now receiving hospice care), Maryn's mom, Pastor Ginny Olson (who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer), John Shyrock (faith, strength as he faces cancer treatment)	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Kathleen, Stacie, Diane, and Dorit (strength, healing)	<i>Dawn Schuessler</i>
Our brother Mike Walsh (comfort, healing)	<i>Schmidt Family</i>
My uncle, Bob, who is having major health issues with his heart and vascular circulation	<i>Deb Siewing</i>
Aria's mom, Margaret, who has recently returned to the hospital and dad, Alan, who is receiving care at home	<i>Dr. Thomé</i>
Mike and Liz (strength, healing)	<i>Yemm Family</i>
Art, Jim, Lorraine and Shirley	<i>Young/Kleine Family</i>

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

Sunday Funnies:

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



and Jesus spoke to the storm. **Mark 4:35-41**



...for continuing to wear a mask during worship to protect our members and guests. We want everyone who chooses to join us to feel welcome and safe.



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