

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Vienna, Virginia
Discipleship Covenant

Assured salvation by God's Grace alone and new life through the gift of faith...
(Romans 3:22-24)

Called, gathered, enlightened, and empowered by the Holy Spirit...
(Martin Luther's Small Catechism—Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed)

Commanded to love God with all that we have and all that we are and do...
and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves...
and to proclaim the Good News of God's love to all people...
through our committed and growing discipleship and
through words, actions, and choices that honor the Lord in whom we are baptized...
(Matthew 22:34-40 and 28:18-20)

We, the disciples at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
in Vienna, Virginia, covenant to:

Love God with all our Heart — living faithfully in Christian community

- † Devoting ourselves to weekly participation in Word and Sacrament Worship;
- † Striving to be known as a community of Christian character and compassion;
- † Refraining from any behavior that destroys or threatens Christian fellowship;

Love God with all our Soul — sharing God-given gifts for the work of
ministry

- † Devoting ourselves to God with the offering of our lives each day;
- † Giving generously of our time, energy, and talents to further God's will;
- † Giving proportionately of our income to support our congregation's ministries;

Love God with all our Mind — growing deeper in our relationship with
Christ & Church

- † Devoting ourselves to daily prayer and meditation on God's Word;
- † Embracing opportunities for Christian education in fellowship with others;
- † Accepting the call of the Spirit to continue learning and growing as disciples;

Love our Neighbors as Ourselves —

- † Devoting ourselves as instruments of God's Justice and Peace in this world;
- † Serving Jesus by serving our neighbors in need;
- † Accepting as God's gifts to us the love, forgiveness, and grace of neighbors;

Go into the world and invite others into relationship with Jesus—

- † Devoting ourselves to sharing faith stories so others may hear the Gospel;
- † Welcoming the diversity of gifts and needs that others add to our fellowship;
- † Trusting God to bring forth a harvest from the seeds we sow in Christ's Name!

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