

# GRACE IN ACTION

## Discussion Guide: Polity 2

### *Faithful Living in a Complex Public World*

How does the Lutheran understanding that we are simultaneously both saints and sinners impact our understanding of racism in our society?

It has been said that our weekly gatherings for worship are one of the few places in society where people still gather across generations, social economic backgrounds, and political beliefs. Do you believe that you can faithfully worship with people with whom you have significant disagreements about how to live out your faith?

Do you believe that the role of a church is to help people understand civic life through the lens of scripture?

ELCA is not about labeling something as conservative or liberal, but rather about living out our faith from a Biblical perspective. What role do you believe the church has to speak on political issues, and what informed your belief?

### **Resources**

Social Statement on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture - <https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-statements/race-ethnicity-and-culture>

Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life - [https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Faith\\_and\\_Civic\\_Life\\_Seeking\\_the\\_Wellbeing\\_of\\_All\\_Social\\_Statement.pdf](https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Faith_and_Civic_Life_Seeking_the_Wellbeing_of_All_Social_Statement.pdf)