

# Interim Ministry Resources

## Chapter 3 Worship

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# Worship Planning

[This worship planning is not necessarily all the services of worship I have used in one calendar year but is offered as worship possibilities throughout the calendar year.]

## January

4	New Year	holiday baking
11	Baptism of Our Lord	
18	Prayer for Christian Unity	
25		Annual Meeting potluck dinner

## February

1	Recognition of Ministries in the Congregation	Souper Bowl
8	Commemoration of St. Valentine - Celebrating Love and Marriage	wedding cake
15	Transfiguration Day Jazz Service	pancake breakfast
22	First Sunday in Lent	pretzels
	Bold Women's Day   Women of the ELCA	

## March

1	Holy Humor	
8	Luther Park Bible Camp	
15	Commemoration of Patrick, Missionary to Ireland	blarney bars
22	Lutheran Social Services	
29	Palm Sunday	

## April

	2-Maundy Thursday	Welcome to First Communion
	3-Good Friday Ecumenical Worship	
5	Resurrection of Our Lord	Easter Breakfast
12	Hands of the Risen Christ	
19	Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church	
26	Stewardship of Creation	

## May

3	Youth Service	
10	Blessing of Mothers	Mother's Day cake
17	Norwegian Rite of 1889	Norwegian baking
24	Day of Pentecost	
31	Holy Trinity	Memorial Day Blessing of Graduates

## June

7	Litany for Towns and Neighborhoods	
14	Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Emphasis	
21	Blessing of Fathers	Father's Day cake
28	Gospel Music Service	pie and ice cream social

## July

5	Independence Day	
12	Companion Synod Sunday	African food
19		Blessing of Youth Gathering Participants
26	Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach	

## August

2		Presentation by Youth Gathering Participants
9	Mary, Mother of Our Lord	
16	Service at County Fair	
23	Christian Bluegrass	
30	Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults	

## September

7	Labor Day	
14	Holy Cross	Blessing of Backpacks Welcome to Sunday School and to Confirmation Hot Cross Buns
21		Blessing of Teachers and Students
28	Service of Affirmation of Baptism—Rite of Confirmation	

October				
4	Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	Blessing of the Animals		animal treats
11	October Worship Fest-Polka Service	Blessing of Quilts		brats and root beer
18	St. Luke, Evangelist - Service of Healing and Thanksgiving for Healing			
25	Reformation Day			
November				
1	All Saints Day Jazz Service			
8	Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Prayer for Veterans			
15	Service of Thanksgiving	Prayer for Hunters		
22	Christ the King			
29	Advent Service of Readings and Carols			
December				
6	Assistant to the Bishop	Review of Ministry Site Profile at Adult Forum		
13		Reception of New Members		
20	Sunday School Christmas Program			sacks of candy
21	Longest Night: A Service of Longing and Hope			
24	Christmas Eve			
25	Christmas Day			
26	Post High School Student Recognition			Christmas baking

## Beginning a New Year to be Focus on January 4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

This verse from the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Christmas speaks of the beginning of time. The verse gives a perspective as a new year comes once again. A special litany will be used entitled *Beginning a New Year*. You are invited to get the year off to a good start by worshipping regularly. May you be present with the gathered worship assembly on this day and throughout the year!

Gathering Song	Cold December Flies Away
Hymn of the Day	The Bells of Christmas
Offering Song	What Child Is This
Sending Song	Let Our Gladness Have No End

Litany for Beginning of a New Year

Rejoice, friends of God! Celebrate the new life that has been born among us.

**Thanks be to God, we are born anew in Jesus Christ, the hope of the world.**

We come to God this day to praise God for God's faithfulness throughout our days and to pray for guidance in the coming year.

**We come to God, our Creator Redeemer, who forms us and molds us, who heals us and makes us whole. We place ourselves before God, whose care we know and whose help we seek. Amen.**

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The Creed

The First Article  
Small Catechism of Martin Luther

Message "In the beginning..." (John 1:1) provides a connection to speaking of the beginning of a new year.

Introduction

In the beginning - John 1:1 and Genesis 1:1

January - Roman god Janus who looks to the future and to the past

Body

Start with Why

Spiritual resolutions

All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten

Conclusion

Gift, promise, and opportunity for a new beginning

## Resources

**A New Genesis by Karoline Lewis - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher**

"In the beginning..."

This is how to start your sermon, Working Preachers. It makes so much sense, on so many levels. "In the beginning" -- before the world was created. "In the beginning" -- of the church year. "In the beginning" -- of the **New Year**, 2016. "In the beginning" -- of God's new beginning as the Word made flesh. Three words, full of memory and of promise. And on January 3, 2016, memory and promise are the words we need to hear.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=4239>

Images for A New Genesis by Karoline Lewis - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=3458> A Prologue for the New Year by Karoline Lewis - Craft of Preaching

**All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum**

An inspiring poem about living our lives simply and kindly.

[http://www.kalimunro.com/learned\\_in\\_kindergarten.html](http://www.kalimunro.com/learned_in_kindergarten.html)

<https://www.amazon.com/Really-Need-Know-Learned-Kindergarten/dp/034546639X>

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/19630.Robert\\_Fulghum](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/19630.Robert_Fulghum)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All\\_I\\_Really\\_Need\\_to\\_Know\\_I\\_Learned\\_in\\_Kindergarten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_I_Really_Need_to_Know_I_Learned_in_Kindergarten)

Images for All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum

**Be it resolved: Getting spiritual on the brink of a new year | The Lutheran**

Sure, you may have made some New Year's resolutions already, but have you made any *spiritual* resolutions for 2012?

In 1535, Martin Luther's friend, Peter Beskendorf, asked for advice about prayer. The reformer's response came in the form of an open letter titled "How One Should Pray, for Master Peter the Barber." His basic message to Beskendorf was to use the spiritual gems found in the Small Catechism as a guide for prayer and spiritual growth. It's still good advice.

But there are other disciplines, routines and practices to spiritually focus us in this new year. Here are seven:

1. Read the work of an unfamiliar spiritual writer.

Classical and contemporary writers provide a feast of spiritual food. To get you started, consider one of these:

- *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J. Foster ([HarperSanFrancisco](#), 1988).

- *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist* by Dorothy Day ([HarperOne](#), 1996).

- *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey ([Zondervan](#), 2002).
- *Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux* by St. Therese of Lisieux ([ICS Publications](#), 1996).

Find inspiration in their words and practices. Consider meeting weekly with several people to discuss the wisdom of an author and how his or her insights could apply to your lives.

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=10423](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=10423)

Images for Be it resolved: Getting spiritual on the brink of a new year | The Lutheran

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

### Christmas 2 C: On New Beginnings and Audacious Promises | ...In the Meantime – David Lose

John's story about Jesus is designed from beginning to end not just to tell us, but to evoke for us, the living, breathing promise of a new beginning to all of human history in and through the incarnate Word, Jesus the Christ. That's why he patterns his opening after Genesis. That's why he records seven signs (what we often call miracles) in his Gospel and then culminates with the eighth sign of resurrection as the eighth day, the start of a new week, chapter, and epoch. That's why the resurrection happens – only in John's Gospel, note – in a garden, to remind us of the Garden of Eden so that we might see the resurrection as the new creation. What an appropriate theme for a sermon offered on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

<http://www.davidlose.net/2015/12/christmas-2-c-on-new-beginnings-and-audacious-promises/>

Images for Christmas 2 C: On New Beginnings and Audacious Promises | ...In the Meantime – David Lose

[www.davidlose.net/](http://www.davidlose.net/)

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2980> An Unsentimental Christmas Sermon by David Lose

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-lose/new-years-resolutions\\_b\\_1177268.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-lose/new-years-resolutions_b_1177268.html)

### Does Your Congregation Have a New Year's Resolution?

Congregations, like individuals, often make resolutions for the new year. If your congregation still is mulling over possibilities for the year, *Raising the Roof* contains ideas that could spark a resolution or two.

<https://alban.org/archive/does-your-congregation-have-a-new-years-resolution/>

Images for Does Your Congregation Have a New Year's Resolution?

<https://alban.org/category/worship/>

<https://alban.org/about-alban/alban-weekly/>

<https://alban.org/books/>

### First Sunday of a New Year - Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/first-sunday-of-a-new-year/>

Images for First Sunday of a New Year - Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

### Happy New Year - Children's Sermons from Sermons4Kids.com

<https://www.sermons4kids.com/new-year.html>

Images for Happy New Year - Children's Sermons

### Happy New Year! - Living Lutheran

Now we have the possibility of daily repentance because we have been given the gift of new life. Now resolutions can be made and attempted, not because our life depends upon them, but because we are free. Happy New Year!

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

<http://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/01/happy-new-year-2/>

Images for Happy New Year! - Living Lutheran

### Janus - Wikipedia

In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus (/ˈdʒɛɪnəs/; Latin: *Janus*, pronounced [ˈjaːnus]) is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, doorways,<sup>[1]</sup> passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past



A statue representing *Janus Bifrons* in the [Vatican Museums](#)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janus>

Images for Janus

### New Year - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/newyear.htm>

## Images for New Year - Textweek

### New Year's Resolution

To actively participate in and joyfully support the life and mission of this congregation in the upcoming new year.  
*Proposed new year's resolution given to congregations by the author*

### New Year's Service of Confession and Forgiveness - Synod Resource Center

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/other/0025/new\\_year\\_service.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/other/0025/new_year_service.html)

Images for New Year's Service of Confession and Forgiveness - Synod Resource Center

### New Year's Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/new-years-worship-resource-index.html>

<http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2011/12/new-years-worship-resource-index.html> [New Year's Worship Resource Index](#)

Images for New Year's Worship Resource Index

### 'Season' of Life to Another? Lean on the King of New Beginnings

The beginning of a **new year** is when most of us reflect on the times, seasons of life and experiences of the past year. Really life is a series of transitions. We are always in a process of endings and new beginnings. In fact, Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot..."

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/the-king-of-new-beginnings-112273/>

Images for 'Season' of Life to Another? Lean on the King of New Beginnings

### Starting fresh - The Lutheran Magazine

As a nod to the **new year**, *The Lutheran* posted a reader call that asked, "What does your congregation need to toss (literally and figuratively)? Old hymnals or old attitudes? Felt boards or outdated programs? What have you cleaned out that caused both a chuckle and relief?"

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=12940](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12940)

Images for Starting fresh - The Lutheran Magazine

### The 7-Ups of Life - Margi Harrell

<https://lerrah.com/sevenups.htm>

Images for 7-Ups of Life - Margi Harrell

[http://blog.koreadaily.com/view/myhome.html?fod\\_style=B&gallery\\_style=&fod\\_no=6&med\\_usrid=quovadis&page=4&](http://blog.koreadaily.com/view/myhome.html?fod_style=B&gallery_style=&fod_no=6&med_usrid=quovadis&page=4&)

From the Pastor

Happy New Year in the Lord's Service

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to look at life in a new and fresh way. With the start of another new year, this congregation looks ahead to the future.

An interim period allows this congregation an opportunity for the people to examine the direction in which you are moving and to look at how God's work can best be carried out in this place. Important to this venture is to capture a biblical sense of the ministry of all the baptized. The writer of 1 Peter speaks of you as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." With this exalted language, the biblical writer lifts up the importance of the ministry of the baptized. Interim pastoral leadership is intended to help assist the people of the church to navigate this interim period.

Pastor and people can best carry out the work of the church when both enter into a partnership. By combining pastoral ministry with the ministry by the people of God, the congregation can "declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Happy New Year in the Lord's Service!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lowell Bolstad

### Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6

Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day, we celebrate the revelation of Christ to all the nations in the magi's adoration of the Christ Child.

Gathering Song	Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
Hymn of Praise	Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Hymn of the Day	As with Gladness Men of Old
Offering Song	We Three Kings of Orient Are
Sending Song	Brightest and Best of the Stars

### Resources

[Best 10+ Epiphany of the lord ideas on Pinterest](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/epiphany-of-the-lord/>  
Images for Epiphany of the lord on Pinterest

#### Epiphany (holiday) - Wikipedia

In the Latin-speaking West, the holiday emphasized the visit of the magi. The magi represented the non-Jewish peoples of the world, so this was considered a "revelation to the gentiles."<sup>[31]</sup> In this event, Christian writers also inferred a revelation to the [Children of Israel](#). [John Chrysostom](#) identified the significance of the meeting between the magi and [Herod's](#) court: "The star had been hidden from them so that, on finding themselves without their guide, they would have no alternative but to consult the Jews. In this way the birth of Jesus would be made known to all."<sup>[32]</sup>



*Adoration of the Magi* by [El Greco](#), 1568,  
Museo Soumaya, Mexico City

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany\\_\(holiday\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday))  
Images for Epiphany (holiday)

#### Epiphany January 6 - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/epiphany.htm>  
Images for Epiphany January 6 - Textweek

#### Epiphany Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2012/11/epiphany-worship-resource-index.html>  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Epiphany Worship Resource Index](#)  
Images for Epiphany Worship Resource Index

#### Synod Resource Center - Worship

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma> [Epiphany](#)  
[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church\\_seasons/epiphany/0001/epiphany.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church_seasons/epiphany/0001/epiphany.html)  
Images for Synod Resource Center - Worship. Epiphany

#### We Too Have a Star to Guide Us: A Service for the Day of Epiphany

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<http://www.sundaysandseasons.com/>  
Images for We Too Have a Star to Guide Us

#### Members to be remembered in the prayers of the church starting with the Epiphany of our Lord

An important way of upholding each other in the community of faith is to remember each other in prayer. The Apostle Paul speaks of this action in his letter to Timothy: "I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers." (2 Timothy 1:3). Starting on the Epiphany of Our Lord, Sunday, January 6, and going through until Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 19, we will be remembering each other in the prayers of the church as part of our worship life. Starting at the beginning of the alphabet and going to the end, the plan is to cover all who belong to this community of faith. Letters will be sent out with a special invitation to attend. This interim period serves as an opportunity to increase our concern for the whole membership of the congregation. Another purpose is to help arouse interest in any special concerns that this remembering will bring about. Make this interim period a time of renewal for the church!

[Letter to tell of prayers and to invite to worship]

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

The Christian Church has a long and strong tradition of upholding one another in prayer. The Apostle Paul, in the beginning of his letter to the Colossians expresses the spirit behind this practice:

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. (Colossians 1: 3-5a)

This congregation has decided to intentionally continue this practice. We will be remembering all the members and friends of the congregation during worship throughout the year. We are doing this to actively thank God for the partnership in the gospel which we all share and to actively ask God to work mightily in all our lives each and every day.

We are writing to inform you that you and your family will be remembered on Sunday, January 6. If you have any specific prayer requests, please contact Pastor Bolstad or any of the deacons.

Thanks again for your partnership in the gospel at this congregation, and we hope that these prayers will be a source of strength and encouragement for you in all you do!

Your friends in Christ,  
Board of Deacons

Worship is 10am each Sunday  
Wednesdays with the Word is 6pm each Wednesday

### **Baptism of Our Lord on January 11 to remember our baptism**

Jesus is revealed as the Son of God in the waters of the River Jordan. In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism those washed by the water are called "fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God." A special invitation is extended to the families with a baptism this past year. Come to worship to commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord and your baptism!

Invitation to Families of Those Baptized in the Past Year

Dear Baptized Child of God, Family, and Sponsors,

You are invited to a Remembrance of Baptism on the Baptism of Our Lord. We are inviting all those who were baptized during this past year and their families and sponsors to come and worship that day. On the Baptism of Our Lord, we hear how Jesus is baptized by John in the River Jordan. The Spirit descends from heaven, and a voice declares, "You are my beloved." The Baptism of Our Lord becomes the pater for entrance into the Kingdom of God: being washed with the water at the font, anointed by the Spirit, and declared to be God's beloved children. You will be included in the prayers of the church that day as we desire God's presence in your faith journey that began in baptism.

I look forward to seeing you in church on the Baptism of Our Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Gathering Song	All Who Believe and Are Baptized
Hymn of Praise	We Know that Christ Is Raised
Hymn of the Day	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Profession of Faith  
Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

### **Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress**

Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism I, II, III Page 1164

Affirmation of Baptism. Page 235

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

Images for Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Offering Song	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
Sending Song	Baptized in Water

When I meet with the parents for an orientation prior to the baptism, I usually do the following:

Start with a prayer from the service of Holy Baptism and engage in conversation.

Show **Washing in the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Go through the service of Holy Baptism and Small Catechism of Martin Luther – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism in **Augsburg Fortress | Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

Go through **Daniel Erlander Publications - Let the Children Come: A Baptism Manual for Parents and Sponsors**

Emphasize Martin Luther's statement:

Most certainly father and mother are apostles, bishops, and priests to their children, for it is they who make them acquainted with the gospel. In short, there is no greater or nobler authority on earth than that of parents over their children, for this authority is both spiritual and temporal. Whoever teaches the faith to another is truly an apostle and bishop.

(Luther's Works 45:46, "The Estate of Marriage, 1522," Walther I. Brandt, ed. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1962).

Explain the service of Holy Baptism at the font and the receiving line following the service of worship as well as answer any questions.

Show them the Small Catechism by Martin Luther at the back of Evangelical Lutheran Worship and explain that Luther intended it as a devotional for parents to use with their children.

When congregations use a **Faith Inkubators + Inkubators / Faith Stepping Stones** or **Milestones Ministry | A Vital Partnership Between Home and Congregation**, I seek to carry out local customs.

In addition to the certificates and baptismal towel, I present other items depending upon the local customs. These items may include, for instance, the following: faith chest, quilt or blanket, **Baptismal Medallions | Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**; **Water Come Down (Day You Were Baptized): Walter, Jr Wangerin; Gerardo Suzan, Lift-the-Flap Bible: Sally Lloyd Jones, Tracey Moroney**; and others.



## Resources

### Baptism: A User's Guide (Exploring Christian Faith): Martin E. Marty

To see baptism as merely a ceremony greatly limits the meanings of Christian baptism, says Martin Marty, in this practical and inspirational new look at baptism. Martin Luther recommended that believers should begin and end their day reminding themselves of their baptism and then go to work joyfully or to sleep cheerfully.

Baptism, says Marty, is at the heart of the everyday, life-long spiritual journey as he explores such questions as:

How did early Christians understand and practice baptism?

What difference does baptism make in our daily life?

How does baptism manifest itself in our relationships, our choices, our faith?

With great insight and wisdom Marty brings us both the history of baptism and a useful guide to its application for everyday life.

The book includes questions for reflection and discussion.

<http://www.amazon.com/Baptism-Users-Guide-Exploring-Christian/dp/0806680490>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1451414080>

[https://books.google.com/books/about/Baptism.html?id=M6XKnD8\\_CpAC](https://books.google.com/books/about/Baptism.html?id=M6XKnD8_CpAC)

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/contributor/1782/Martin-E-Marty>

<https://www.amazon.com/Martin-E.-Marty/e/B001IQXOT4>

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3994.Martin\\_E\\_Marty](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3994.Martin_E_Marty)

[Images for Martin E. Marty](#)

[Images for Baptism: A User's Guide \(Exploring Christian Faith\): Martin E. Marty](#)

[Images for Exploring Christian Faith](#)

### Baptism begins real new year: Resolutions will always come up short in our attempts to remake ourselves - The Lutheran Magazine

So, make New Year's resolutions if you want, but understand that in baptism God has given us a new life, a new year, a new day. Freed from all of the emotional and spiritual energy that had been invested in the impossible task of freeing ourselves we are now free to love God and serve the neighbor.

Happy New Year!

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=12377](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12377)

[Images for Baptism begins real new year: Resolutions will always come up short in our attempts to remake ourselves - The Lutheran Magazine](#)

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

### Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry - Wikipedia

The document attempted to express the convergences that had been found over the years. It was sent to all member churches and six volumes of responses compiled. The approach used in the document has been called *ecclesiology of communion* by ecumenical theologians, in that the sacraments are presented as a means to achieve greater Church unity.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism,\\_Eucharist\\_and\\_Ministry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism,_Eucharist_and_Ministry)

[Images for Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry](#)

### Baptism of Jesus - Textweek

[http://www.textweek.com/art/baptism\\_of\\_Jesus.htm](http://www.textweek.com/art/baptism_of_Jesus.htm)

[Images for Baptism of Jesus - Textweek](#)

<http://www.textweek.com/yeara/baptisma.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearb/baptisma.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearc/baptismc.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/movies/baptism.htm>

[PDF] Baptism – Word and World – Winter 1994 – Luther Seminary

[https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article\\_id=1466](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1466) Baptism, Barth, and Born Again. Frederick J. Gaiser

[https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article\\_id=498](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=498) Baptism in the New Testament: Origins, Formulas, and Metaphors. Arland J. Hultgren

[https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article\\_id=873](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=873) Baptism Revisited: An Anthropological Perspective. Gwen Kennedy Neville

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<http://brfelc.org/worship/occasional-services/baptisms/>  
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<http://www.firstdaynr.org/Baptism>  
<http://oslme.com/baptisms-weddings-funerals/>

#### Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life by Daniel Erlander (Author) | Augsburg Fortress

This booklet refreshingly describes Lutheranism as a way of seeing, hearing, teaching, and following. Black-and-white illustrations.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/11040/Baptized-We-Live>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Baptized-We-Live-Lutheranism-Life/dp/0984841407>  
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#### Celebrating a Baptismal Anniversary

##### Baptismal Anniversary Greeting

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#### Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Holy Baptism	Page 227	
Welcome to Baptism	Page 232	
Affirmation of Baptism.	Page 235	
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism	Page 1164	Small Catechism of Martin Luther

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

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#### Frequently Asked Questions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

[How can the centrality of baptism be renewed?](#)

[What are baptismal festivals?](#)

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

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[Images for baptismal festivals](#)

#### Go Make Disciples: An Invitation to Baptismal Living

This highly-informative handbook is intended to help congregations implement the task of making disciples in their own community. *Go Make Disciples* provides updated resources for preparing adults for baptism or affirmation of baptism, and for Christian discipleship. Appropriate for a wide range of Protestant denominations, especially Lutheran, Episcopal, Anglican, United Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed traditions.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/17352/Go-Make-Disciples-An-Invitation-to-Baptismal-Living>

<http://www.amazon.com/Go-Make-Disciples-Invitation-Baptismal/dp/1451426127>

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[Images for Go Make Disciples: An Invitation to Baptismal Living](#)

#### [PDF] Helping the Congregation Support the Newly Baptized

[Take the Promise Seriously](#)

The first step in helping the congregation take this promise seriously is to unapologetically declare, to both the congregation and those preparing for baptism and their families, that this congregation takes this promise seriously. By being baptized in this faith community, candidates for baptism or their parents are inviting this expression of Christ's body into their lives. This might be a most countercultural statement, since many people regard their lives as their own and the raising of children as something left to parents' sole discretion. Praying for the newly baptized may lead the congregation to reach out to the newly baptized when they are absent from God's faithful people, particularly from hearing God's word and receiving the holy sacraments. Both the congregation and the newly baptized should know that in baptism God makes us part of one another's lives.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/media/downloads/WashedandWelcome/WWSourcebook/HelpingCongreSupportNewBaptized94-95.pdf>

[Images for Helping the Congregation Support the Newly Baptized](#)

### Honoring the Role of Godparent in Your Parish - The Hub

Honoring the Role of Godparent in Your Parish with a **Godparent Sunday Celebration**.

<http://oca.org/the-hub/projects/honoring-the-role-of-godparent-in-your-parish-with-a-godparent-sunday-celeb>

[Images for Godparent Sunday Celebration](#)

#### John the Baptist

The son of Zachariah, he was known as John  
Eloquent, compelling he was called by God  
Dressed in camel's hair, through the wilderness he went  
Crying to the people, "It is time to repent!"  
Preaching of God's mercy and forgiveness of all sin  
Baptizing grateful people, whom God's kingdom they would win

#### Chorus

Go! Go! Go, John, go! Go!  
Go, John, go! Go!  
Go, John, go! Go!  
Go, John, go! Go!  
The Lord He is good!

His reputation swept across the countryside  
"Who is this man?" They asked each other far and wide  
"Are you the prophet that we have been waiting for?"  
"No," said John, but preached, "Make straight the way of the Lord."  
"I baptize with water, but there's one you'll soon admire  
"He'll baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

*Chorus*

Then came Jesus and he said, "John, baptize me."  
John said, "Master, I cannot... I'm not worthy."  
But even while John spoke, into the Jordan Jesus stepped  
"Come," he said, "complete this act of righteousness."  
Then looking up a dove descended and God's voice decreed,  
"You're my beloved Son – in whom I am well pleased!"

*Chorus*

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Music: Chuck Berry, b. 1926

[Chuck Berry - Johnny B. Goode - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFo8-JqzSCM>

### [PDF]Implementing the ELCA Faith Practices Initiative in Your Ministry Setting – ELCA Resource Repository

1. Begin a year-long emphasis on "the meaning of **baptism**". Take each faith practice and commit to focusing on it for at least two months as a congregation. For example, by the Advent and Christmas seasons your ministry might be ready to emphasize the faith practice of "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Use this faith practice to highlight what the birth of Jesus Christ means for the world.

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Implementing\\_ELCA\\_Faith\\_Practices.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Implementing_ELCA_Faith_Practices.pdf)

[Images for meaning of baptism ELCA Faith Practices](#)

### Leading through the Water (Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations) by Paul Galbreath (Author)

In *Leading through the Water*, Paul Galbreath demonstrates one way of linking baptismal practice to daily life as congregations provide an alternative witness to the cultural voices around us. At the same time, it expands the vision of baptism from a single occasion to a distinctive way of life within a community of faith and a primary metaphor for Christian discipleship. In concert with Leading from the Table, Galbreath continues to explore how the sacraments of baptism and communion connect with the world around us. He is concerned that we too often separate church life from daily life, marginalizing the gospel and the good news that God is with us at all times and places in our lives. Here Galbreath explores Christian discipleship through baptism

imagery in Scripture, history, and experience, and identifies patterns of baptismal formation that guide the choices we make each day. He follows the individual's journey through baptism, beginning with inquiry, through the preparation for baptism, the event of baptism itself, and a time of discernment following baptism. This book will prompt conversations in congregations and classrooms about the ways that our distinct communities of faith can embody the gospel in the world and point to God's faithful presence.

<https://www.amazon.com/Leading-through-Worship-Healthy-Congregations/dp/1566994136>

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781566994132/Leading-through-the-Water>

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/publications/leading-through-the-water/>

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Images for Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations

### Let the Children Come: A Baptism Manual for Parents and Sponsors by Daniel Erlander

A 35-page booklet on infant and young child baptism by author of *Baptized We Live*. Includes the origin of baptism, baptism in the New Testament, infant baptism, Luther's teaching, the baptism service, and "raising children wet."

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/12074/Let-the-Children-Come>

<http://www.amazon.com/Let-children-come-baptism-sponsors/dp/B0006QQ7QE>

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### Living Our Baptismal Covenant - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism describes the faith practices that grow out of our baptism (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 236). We are to "...[live](#) among God's faithful people; [hear](#) the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; [proclaim](#) the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; [serve](#) all people following the example of Jesus; and [strive](#) for justice and peace in all the earth."

[Click here](#) to review the entire "Living Our Baptismal Covenant" document. Afterwards, you might wonder, "How do I get started?"

[Check out](#) "Implementing the ELCA Faith Practices Initiative" for some suggestions.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Living-Our-Baptismal-Covenant>

Images for Living Our Baptismal Covenant - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Praying for those Preparing for Baptism and the Newly Baptized

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Images for Praying for those Preparing for Baptism and the Newly Baptized

### Preaching a More Meaningful Baptism by David Lose - Craft of Preaching

To tell you the truth, I don't think the choice I stated above – preach baptism or preach the text – has to be quite so stark. What I advocate is teaching about Baptism *through* the text at hand, in this case Luke's gospel account of Jesus' baptism.

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<http://www.davidlose.net/2015/01/baptism-of-our-lord-b/>

<https://asermonforeverySunday.com/tag/david-lose/>

### Remember Who You Are: Baptism, a Model for Christian Life [William H. Willimon]

This book is especially designed for those who search for the meaning of their baptism. Willimon explores the significance of this sacrament in daily living and provides a model for living a Christian life. Each chapter focuses on one historical-biblical dimension of baptism. An Educational Guide for groups is also included. Pastors will find this book especially helpful for guiding new Christians, confirmation classes, and parents of newly baptized children.

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**The Christian Life: Baptism and Life Passages: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Evangelical Lutheran Woship) by Dennis L. Bushkofsky (Author), Craig A. Satterlee (Author)**

Focuses on the formative role of baptism not only for the individual being baptized but the church. Examines the related rites of affirmation, welcome to baptism, and confession, and moves to consider other rites in which the baptismal center is clearly seen.

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<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/contributor/5290/Dennis-Bushkofsky>  
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[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2323307.Dennis\\_Bushkofsky](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2323307.Dennis_Bushkofsky)  
<http://craigasatterlee.com/>  
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**The Gospel - The Baptism of the Lord - YouTube**

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_dr9njVzKM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_dr9njVzKM) Jesus is Baptized by John - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLjkqnaYNoM> John The Baptist & Jesus' Baptism - YouTube

**Washed and Welcome: A Baptism Sourcebook (with CD-ROM) by Clint Schneklath (Author)**

The Washed and Welcome sourcebook is for the pastor, Christian educator or anyone leading/organizing a baptismal preparation class. It is also for anyone who is interested in supporting and amplifying a congregation's total baptismal ministry. This book is a practical theological resource to help pastors walk parents and sponsors through the various parts of baptism. The book includes reproducible pages for parents and sponsors, session options, resource lists, practical helps related to a congregation's total baptismal ministry, handouts, bulletin inserts, and more.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9461/Washed-and-Welcome-A-Baptism-Sourcebook-with-CD-ROM->  
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[Images for Clint Schneklath \(Author\)](#)

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**Washed and Welcome Living the Promises of Baptism: 101 Ideas for Parents by Suzanne Burke**

*Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? I do.*

Of all the gifts parents can pass on to their children, faith is the most precious. The heart of our role as Christian parents is sharing and living out that faith with the children God gives us.



This small book is filled with concrete ideas for celebrating with your children the gifts of baptism in daily living. Meals, bedtime, play, seasons, milestones, transitions-all these occasions and more become opportunities for practicing faith. The ideas in *Living the Promises of Baptism* are for children from infant to upper elementary. Whether your child is a newborn, a preteen, or somewhere in between, you will find yourself returning to this book again and again for support, encouragement, and inspiration.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9462/Washed-and-Welcome-Living-the-Promises-of-Baptism-101-Ideas-for-Parents>

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Images for Suzanne Burke, author promises of baptism

Images for *Washed and Welcome Living the Promises of Baptism: 101 Ideas for Parents* by Suzanne Burke

### **Water for Your Soul [Glenn L. Borreson]**

*Water for Your Soul* is your spiritual invitation to experience how Christian baptism can give meaning, shape, and new excitement to your whole life as a believer.

<http://www.amazon.com/Water-Your-Soul-Glenn-Borreson/dp/0741444372>

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2298328.Glenn\\_L\\_Borreson](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2298328.Glenn_L_Borreson)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/glenn-borreson-601b1361>

Images for Glenn L. Borreson, author

Images for *Water for Your Soul* [Glenn L. Borreson]

### **Welcome, Child of God [Anne Ylvisaker, Claudia McGehee] | Augsburg Fortress**

Written by Anne Ylvisaker and illustrated by Claudia McGehee, this beautiful board book is part of the *Washed and Welcome* family of baptismal resources.

*Welcome, Child of God* is an ideal baptismal gift for families, featuring illustrations that help children connect to their baptism and reinforcing the baptismal connections that surround us every day.

In addition to being a treasured reminder of the child's baptism, the text has been written to be sung to the child (listen to the tune in the audio sample tab above), and a music graphic is included on the back cover of the book. Parents will want to read and sing this beautifully illustrated board book to their child again and again!

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9464/Welcome-Child-of-God>

<http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Child-God-Anne-Ylvisaker/dp/1451401337>

<https://www.google.com/search?bo=p&tbm=bks&q=inauthor:%22Anne+Ylvisaker%22>

<http://www.annelyvisaker.com/>

Images for *Welcome, Child of God* [Anne Ylvisaker, Claudia McGehee] | Augsburg Fortress



Word and Water, Wine and Bread

As the second quarter of 2013 comes to a close, we focus one more time on the ELCA value statement that has appeared at the top of eclipse during this period. "We are the church whose unity is in Jesus Christ who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread." This week, we are especially grateful for the water of baptism and the many lives that are touched when we welcome another child of God into our midst. Pastor Mary Ann Bowman, Bone Lake Lutheran, Luck shared several baptism photos this week.

**This week in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA Week of June 23, 2013**

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### **Time after Epiphany**

#### **Resources**

**Epiphany : Creative Communications - Protestant**

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA/CPEPH/Epiphany.aspx>

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Images for Epiphany : Creative Communications - Protestant

### Epiphany Links and Resources - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/epiphany.htm>

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Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

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Year C - Page 75

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Images for Preparing for the Time after Epiphany

### Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18

This congregation will be joining Christians throughout the world in a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity as a part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25. Pray for the unity of the church!

#### 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Theme Announcement

The 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been selected. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation, the theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. The materials for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has two accents: reflection upon the main concerns of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation and secondly recognizing the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the unity of the Church. In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation.

[http://www.geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity/theme\\_announcement\\_2017.html](http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/theme_announcement_2017.html)

Images for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

[The following was written for the local newspaper.]

#### Come and See

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. (John 1:38-39a)

My cousin lives at the end of a suburban cul de sac. Because there is no through traffic, the kids can play in the street. Whenever I go to visit, there seems to always be kids congregated at her house, in the street, and in the yard. She, her husband, and their kids demonstrate a spirit of warm hospitality, and other kids respond to come and see, come and stay.

The church at its best is like that. Members of the faith community demonstrate a warm hospitality so that many want to come and see, come and stay. Jesus invited his first disciples, "Come and see." "They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day." Jesus speaking through the church extends the same invitation.

The congregations I serve commemorated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) on Sunday, January 18 in which we celebrated the unity that is ours in the common confession of "Jesus is Lord." Congregations and denominations may differ in various beliefs and practices, but the common confession unites us.

In that spirit, I speak to you the invitation of Jesus to "come and see." If you belong to a faith community, may God work through you to extend that invitation to others. If you do not belong to a faith community, may you hear and act on the words of Jesus to "come and see." Pick a church and go to see how God is working in that place. Stay with them and contribute your efforts for the common good. May Jesus be with you!

Gathering Song	In Christ There Is No East or West
Hymn of Praise	The Church's One Foundation
Scripture Song	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Hymn of the Day	We All Are One in Mission
Songs during Communion	Let Us Break Bread Together
	One Bread, One Body
	Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Sending Song	Built on a Rock

### Resources

Christian Unity Resources Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/resource-index-christian-unity.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Christian Unity Resource Index](#)

Images for Christian Unity Resource Index

## Chapter 4.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

\*C4.02. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:

- f. Manifest the **unity** given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in **prayer** and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

<https://www.elca.org/constitution> 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations

<https://download.elca.org> > ELCA Resource Repository > Model Constitution

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Office-of-the-Secretary>

[Images for Model Constitution for Congregations 2019 - Chapter 4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE manifest the unity given to the people of God](#)

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Textweek

[http://www.textweek.com/festivals/christian\\_unity.htm](http://www.textweek.com/festivals/christian_unity.htm)

[Images for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Textweek](#)

### Annual meeting of the congregation on January 25

Come to worship and stay for the annual meeting. The annual meeting provides an opportunity to look back at the year past and to look ahead to the year to come. Pray to God for wisdom and direction!

Gathering Song	The Church of Christ in Every Age
Hymn of Praise	Rise Up, O Saints of God
Hymn of the Day	We Are All One in Service
Offering Song	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Sending Song	Lord, You Give the Great Commission

### Sermon for an Annual Church Meeting - Website for Parish

Next Saturday morning at 10.00 in the Church Hall we have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry meeting in which we choose our churchwardens, sidesmen and Parochial Church Council members, hear reports on our PCC's stewardship over the last year and perhaps discuss our policies and strategies for the future. It is not inappropriate that we do this at Easter when we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. We are the Body of Christ. One with Him, one with one another, we share in Him God's mission to the whole world.

The Church holds an annual meeting. So do many other organizations: social clubs and voluntary societies, parish councils and limited companies. We can learn a lot from our experience of these annual meetings, but we must beware of copying them. The Church is not a social club, a voluntary society, an organ of government or a business. The Church is the people of God.

<http://www.cuxtonandhalling.org.uk/A%20Sermon%20for%20an%20Annual%20Parochial%20Church%20Meeting.pdf>

[Images for Sermon for an Annual Church Meeting - Website for Parish](#)

[http://resources.razorplanet.com/511768-5856/316413\\_AnnualMeetingReport2013.pdf](http://resources.razorplanet.com/511768-5856/316413_AnnualMeetingReport2013.pdf) Annual Meeting Address

<http://www.stbenedict.ws/sermon/annual-meeting-sermon-on-not-being-the-little-church-that-refused-to-die-anymore/>

<http://stmatthews.com/sermons/Archive/HAndersonJan252009.pdf> Annual Meeting sermon - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

<http://www.ramblingpriest.com/were-in-this-together-annual-meeting-sermon/>

[Images for Annual Meeting Sermon](#)

### Installation of Leaders in the Congregation on February 1

Show your support for our leadership as our worship will include an Installation of Leaders in the Congregation.

### [PDF] Evangelical Lutheran Worship Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

<http://www.mcelca.org/forms/InstallatLeadersCongregat.pdf>

[Images for Installation of Leaders in the Congregation](#)

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Super Bowl Sunday is the second highest day of food consumption behind Thanksgiving. Souper Bowl Sunday gives people of faith and people of good will an opportunity to do something for those who do not have enough to eat.

### Resources

#### Souper Bowl of Caring - Wikipedia

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight **hunger** and **poverty** in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America's largest youth-led weekend of **giving and serving**. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local **charities** of the group's choice.<sup>[1]</sup>

Started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include **schools**, **businesses** and congregations of all **faiths**. Together, they have raised more than \$50 million in monetary and food donations. In 2008 alone, more than 14,000 groups collected over \$10 million.<sup>[2][3]</sup>



The Souper Bowl of Caring has gained national attention, securing partnerships with nine different NFL Teams, in addition to finding National Advocates in former President and Mrs. [George H.W. Bush](#) and former President and Mrs. [Jimmy Carter](#).<sup>[4]</sup>



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souper\\_Bowl\\_of\\_Caring](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souper_Bowl_of_Caring)

Images for souper bowl of caring

[Souper Bowl of Caring Video | Giving Back | Pinterest](#)

<https://es.pinterest.com/pin/66076319504875258/>

Images for Souper Bowl of Caring pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/mamathena/souper-bowl/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/unalionsmom/souper-bowl-of-caring/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/248401735669248352/>

[Welcome to Souper Bowl of Caring](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need.

<http://www.souperbowl.org/>

Images for Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities

<https://souperbowl.org/resources/view/298> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RWCSOGZxbw> What is Souper Bowl of Caring?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDIGJWbRBB7MrsdeUVSaHHw> Souper Bowl of Caring - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UebDyqSyjJ0> Souper Bowl of Caring - Hunger Education Video - YouTube

Images for Souper Bowl of Caring - YouTube

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Souper\\_Bowl\\_Of\\_Caring\\_Bulletin\\_Insert.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Souper_Bowl_Of_Caring_Bulletin_Insert.pdf)

Images for Souper Bowl Of Caring Bulletin Insert

## Commemoration of Saint Valentine

### Celebration of Love and Marriage on February 8

One of God's gifts is that of love and marriage. You are invited to give thanks for the gift of companionship, in general, and of love and marriage, in particular, at worship on the weekend before Valentine's Day. A special invitation is extended to those married at the church this past year as well as those planning to be married this coming year. Pray that God will strengthen the gifts of companionship, love, and marriage in our faith community!

Gathering Song	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Special Music	O Perfect Love
Hymn of the Day	This Is a Day, Lord, Gladly Awaited
Sending Song	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### Celebration of Love and Marriage Litany

This litany following the prayer of the day may be composed using an adaptation of the petitions from the following:

[Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress](#)

Affirmation of Baptism.

Page 235

Life Passages: Those preparing for marriage, Marriage, Those whose marriage has ended.

Page 82

Marriage. Prayer of the Day, Marriage Blessing, Blessing.

Page 286

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

Images for Marriage. Prayer of the Day, Marriage Blessing, Blessing.

## History of Valentine's Day

### In Celebration of Saint Valentine-Churchill Estates Retirement Community

Legend has it on the evening prior to his execution, Valentinus had written a letter to Judge Asterius' daughter who could now see to read committing her to Christ and signed it "Your Valentine". In return, she herself is said to have planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his resting place. Today the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship, and the valentine remains a token of affection, love, and devotion.

<http://www.churchillestates.net/blog/2015/2/9/in-celebration-of-saint-valentine>

Images for In Celebration of Saint Valentine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6DBJQ4L5zI> The History of Valentine's Day - Saint Valentine - YouTube

Images for The History of Valentine's Day

<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day> Valentine's Day - Facts, Origin, Meaning & Videos - History

<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day>  
<https://www.infoplease.com/valentines-day-history>  
<http://www.patrish.com/tuck/Cartoons.html> Sample Cartoons - patrish.com Cal015sm – Valentine

### Valentine's Day - Wikipedia

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine,<sup>[1]</sup> is a holiday observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them. St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies.<sup>[2]</sup> A popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.<sup>[3]</sup> Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion,<sup>[4]</sup> as well as in the Lutheran Church.<sup>[5]</sup>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine's\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine's_Day)  
Images for Saint Valentine's Day  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Valentine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Valentine)  
Images for Saint Valentine

### Resources

A Social Statement on Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust

IV. Sexuality and social structures that enhance social trust

Lutherans believe that God works through social structures for the good of society. The Lutheran Confessions identify marriage and the family as foundational structures that support human community.

Marriage: shelter and context for trust

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[PDF]Human Sexuality - ELCA Resource Repository

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/SexualitySS.pdf>  
Images for Marriage: shelter and context for trust

### Celebrate National Marriage Week « For Your Marriage

National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) is a great time to support marriage. As Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth said in his [letter to all U.S. bishops](#), National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) provide opportunities "to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples."

The annual observance of National Marriage Week encourages diverse groups to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a stronger marriage culture, which in turn helps curtail poverty and benefits children.

Here are some resources that can help you celebrate marriage this week.

Take a look at our [Daily Marriage Tips](#). Maybe you'll find a new idea to strengthen your relationship.

The website for [National Marriage Week](#) offers helpful ideas for building up your own marriage, recommended reading, supporting marriage in the community and much more. There's also a listing of marriage-building events throughout the country.

<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week-usa/>

Images for National Marriage Week

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/>

<http://www.ctainc.com/Valentines-Day/departments/21/> Christian Valentine's Day Gifts from CTA, Inc.

Images for Christian Valentine's Day Gifts

### Celebrating Marriage: Texas congregation throws party for 60 couples married 40 years or more – The Lutheran Magazine

After 61 years of marriage, Loretta and Henry Engeling are deadpan about tying the knot. "You'll get pneumonia together, you'll get shingles together and after a while, you'll even start to look like each other," said Loretta Engeling of [St. Paul Lutheran](#), a 2,000-member congregation in New Braunfels, Texas.

The Engelings and more than 60 couples at [St. Paul](#) are celebrating at least 40 years of marriage—complete with jokes and joys, wrinkles and wranglings. The church recently honored the couples with a banquet that featured live music and an affirmation of vows.

"We don't recognize the longevity of these marriages as often as we probably should," said Becky Voges, [St. Paul's](#) congregational life coordinator. "It's such an encouragement for young couples today."

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article.cfm?article\\_id=7151](http://www.thelutheran.org/article.cfm?article_id=7151)

Images for Celebrating Marriage: Texas congregation throws party for 60 couples married 40 years or more – The Lutheran Magazine

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

### Celebrating Valentine's Day: Congregation goes caroling, renews vows, and dances – The Lutheran Magazine

During the dreary winter days surrounding Feb. 14, members of [First Lutheran Church](#), Springfield, Ohio, give light and love to members who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes. This will be their seventh year of Valentine caroling.

"The ill and shut-ins of our congregation get blitzed during the Christmas holidays with carolers and visitors, but in the bleak midwinter days, they are very much alone," said Rebecca Christian, organizer. Children, confirmation students and adults (17 last year), accompanied by guitar, sing such songs as "Jesus Loves Me" and "Love the Lord With All Your Heart." They also give cards and a small gift.

At nursing homes they sing in the hallways, reaching not only church members but other residents and staff, Christian said. Caroling is scheduled the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, gathering first at church for pizza and practice, then heading off to the first home.

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=9546](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=9546)

[Images for Celebrating Valentine's Day: Congregation goes caroling, renews vows, and dances – The Lutheran Magazine](#)

#### "Fully known and fully loved" - Living Lutheran

Gary Chapman, a pastor and author of the best-selling book *The Five Love Languages* might argue that love works the same way as preaching: it's about "getting the gospel heard," offering love in the first language of the heart.

Chapman proposes that there are five primary ways human beings experience love:

- Words of affirmation.
- Quality time.
- Giving/receiving gifts.
- Acts of service.
- Physical touch.

All of these love languages can speak to us in some ways. But usually one or two are our primary languages, the ways we feel most loved and those we miss the most when we don't receive them.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/02/fully-known-fully-loved/>

[Images for "Fully known and fully loved" - Living Lutheran](#)

#### Valentine's Day Recognition of Marriages - Synod Resource Center

The Sunday closest to Valentine's Day was chosen by the outreach committee as a day to honor and pray for marriages in our congregation.

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/weddings/0003/valentine\\_day.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/weddings/0003/valentine_day.html)

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/ Weddings](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/Weddings)

[Images for Valentine's Day Recognition of Marriages - Synod Resource Center](#)

#### Transfiguration Day Jazz Service on February 15

"Who says Lutherans can't have fun?" An attempt will be made on the last Sunday of Epiphany right before Lent to prove that perception wrong with a jazz service. We will be singing songs such as *Shine, Jesus, Shine; This Little Light of Mine*; and others.

Children are invited to march in to the gathering song and march out to the sending song with rhythm instruments. Invite your friends!

#### Resources

[Best 25+ Transfiguration of Jesus ideas only on Pinterest](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/transfiguration-of-jesus/>

[Images for transfiguration of Jesus pinterest](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/normacook/transfiguration-of-jesus/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/choisislavie/transfiguration/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/the-transfiguration/>

#### From a cross, a dazzling light - The Lutheran Magazine

It's after Jesus tells his disciples about his coming passion that he takes this side trip up the mountain to confer with Moses and Elijah. Only in Luke do we hear what they were talking about: "Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" ([Luke 9:30-31](#)). This is the kernel of the gospel. All of Jesus' preaching and teaching and healing, though important and precious to our faith, are secondary to God's act of reconciliation accomplished by Christ on the cross. This is the essence of Christ: loving, selfless suffering and death for the life of the world.

Now the transfiguration makes sense. If Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome, and if that light would blaze most clearly on the cross, it makes perfect sense that the radiant essence of Christ would break out on that mountain when Jesus was talking about his crucifixion.

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=11893](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11893)

[Images for From a cross, a dazzling light - The Lutheran Magazine](#)

#### Resource Index: Transfiguration Sunday - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/resource-index-transfiguration-sunday.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Transfiguration Worship Resource Index](#)

[Images for Resource Index: Transfiguration Sunday - re:Worship](#)

### Transfiguration of Jesus - Wikipedia

The transfiguration of Jesus is an event reported in the [New Testament](#) when [Jesus](#) is [transfigured](#) and becomes radiant in [glory](#) upon a mountain.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The [Synoptic Gospels](#) ([Matthew 17:1–8](#), [Mark 9:2–8](#), [Luke 9:28–36](#)) describe it, and the [Second Epistle of Peter](#) also refers to it ([2 Peter 1:16–18](#)). It has also been hypothesized that the [first chapter](#) of the [Gospel of John](#) alludes to it ([John 1:14](#)).<sup>[3]</sup>

In these accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, [Peter](#), [James](#), [John](#), go to a mountain (the [Mount of Transfiguration](#)) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets [Moses](#) and [Elijah](#) appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "[Son](#)" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be [God the Father](#), as in the [Baptism of Jesus](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

Many Christian traditions, including the [Eastern Orthodox](#), [Roman Catholic](#) and [Anglican](#) churches, commemorate the event in the [Feast of the Transfiguration](#), a major festival.



Raphael, c. 1520

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transfiguration\\_of\\_Jesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transfiguration_of_Jesus)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transfiguration>

Images for transfiguration of jesus

### Transfiguration - Textweek

[www.textweek.com/art/transfiguration.htm](http://www.textweek.com/art/transfiguration.htm)

Images for Transfiguration - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/transfiguration.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yeara/transfiga.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearb/transfigb.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearc/transfigc.htm>

### Glow – Flow – Mo

A message for a Transfiguration Day Jazz Service

Glow     transfiguration

Flow     jazz

Mo       go

### Transfiguration Jazz Service [ensemble]

Gathering Music	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Gathering Song	Shine, Jesus, Shine
Song of Mercy	Just A Closer Walk with Thee
Song of Praise	What a Fellowship, What A Joy Divine
Special Music	Go Light Your World <i>as sung by Chris Rice</i>

[Chris Rice, Go Light Your World - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtIlFJlxdUw>

Gospel Acclamation	Thy Word
Song of the Day	I Love to Tell the Story
Offering Song	This Little Light of Mine
Prayer Song	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Sending Song	We Are Marching in the Light of God
Sending Music	Down by the Riverside

[Bluegrass songs with chords - Down by The Riverside](#)

[http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/bluegrass-lyrics-chords/down\\_by\\_the\\_riverside.html](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/bluegrass-lyrics-chords/down_by_the_riverside.html)

### Resources

[Alban at Duke Divinity School » Alban Weekly: Jazz belongs in church](#)

Like many churches, [First Presbyterian](#) has rich music offerings. But for many in the congregation, the jazz ministry holds particular power.

<https://alban.org/2014/10/13/alban-weekly-jazz-belongs-in-church/>  
 Images for Alban Weekly: Jazz belongs in church  
<https://alban.org/category/worship/>  
<https://alban.org/category/renewal-vitality/>

#### Mardi Gras food: Fastnachts doughnuts for Shrove Tuesday

It's funny how Lent, a period of penitence and fasting, gave rise to so much creative decadence in the days leading up to it, from parades to masked balls to sinfully rich foods. In medieval Europe, fat and sugar were forbidden in Lenten cooking, and so Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent, was a busy day in the kitchen. The English made pancakes, the Poles jelly doughnuts called *paczki*. In Germany, women bustled about frying up doughnuts called *fastnachts* (German for "Eve of the Fast").

<http://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/Food/Stir-It-Up/2011/0307/Mardi-Gras-food-Fastnachts-doughnuts-for-Shrove-Tuesday>  
 Images for Fastnachts doughnuts for Shrove Tuesday

#### Mardi Gras Pancakes! | ...In the Meantime – David Lose

It's got a familiar ring to it – feast before the famine. In a sense, that's a large part of what Mardi Gras – literally, "Fat Tuesday" is all about. But not entirely. Yes, one part of the celebration is the splurge before the fast (which, as any dieter knows, actually makes the faster harder!) But the larger and historical element of the day was to use up all the fat in the house that would not last through Lent to Easter. Hence, the "fat" in Fat Tuesday.

The day is also known as "Faschnaut Day" – faschnauts are potato-based donuts fried in lard (again in the attempt to use up one's lard) – and "Shrove Tuesday," which puts the emphasis on preparing to be "shriven" – confess one's sins – in preparation for Lent.

<http://www.davidlose.net/2012/02/mardi-gras-pancakes/>  
 Images for Mardi Gras Pancakes! | ...In the Meantime – David Lose  
<https://www.davidlose.net/tag/mardi-gras/>  
<http://www.davidlose.net/tag/faschnaut-day/>

#### 'Thanks to Jesus' and all that jazz - The Lutheran Magazine

Minnesota band brings Dixieland to church

There's no sitting still at the back of the sanctuary when the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band leads a church service. This sixsome of sixtysomething Twin Cities musicians has worshipers hopping right from the start, as they launch into the service via Louis Armstrong's tune Swing That Music set to lyrics (above) written by drummer Tom Andrews.

Before long, even shy Lutherans clap their hands, tap their toes and sway to the irresistible Dixieland jazz beat. It may not be A Mighty Fortress, but the group believes it's an equally legitimate musical choice.

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=3555](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=3555)  
 Images for 'Thanks to Jesus' and all that jazz - The Lutheran Magazine  
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>  
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

#### Upton Jazz 2015 Church Service by Syd & Beryl Pearman - YouTube

A Jazz Church service held during the 2015 Upton Jazz Festival. Music by Bev Pegg and his Blue Blood Jazzmen, the rich voice of Tony Kubiszyn, along with the lovely voice of Jayne Swann.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1G1VGvb5Uw>  
 Images for Jazz Church Service - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef3fuspGww4> Chicago Jazz Mass, Interview Peter Marty - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGFQDdYcAf8> First Baptist Church of Littleton Jazz Service – YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6-VoWai5zw> February 25, 2017: Jazz Vespers - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eK5n3EqrFEk> 2012 ashland ucc transfiguration (mardi gras) sunday - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Huhzzizy80k> Jazz Vespers Worship Service - 3/17/15 - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIEk-ox85ilomU4xdAxsqkw> Plymouth Church Jazz & Justice - YouTube



#### Transfiguration of our Lord [organ]

Gathering Song	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Hymn of Praise	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Special Music	How Great Thou Art
Gospel Acclamation	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Hymn of the Day	Jesus on the Mountain Peak
Offering Song	Come, Beloved of the Maker
Communion Song	O Bread of Life from Heaven
Sending Song	Beautiful Savior

#### Gathering – Word - Sending

A message for Transfiguration Day based on the order of worship

Gathering	mountain top
Word	word from above
Thanksgiving	good to be here
Sending	down to the valley

#### Listen – Learn – Look

A message based on the song *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Listen	Open my ears, that I may hear
Learn	Open my heart, and let me prepare
Look	Open my eyes, that I may see

#### 454 *Open My Eyes that I May See* - HymnSite.com – United Methodist Hymnal

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
 glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
 place in my hands the wonderful key  
 that shall unclasp and set me free.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

<http://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh454.sht>

Images for *Open My Eyes that I May See*

#### **Foundations of Our Faith Lenten Services Begin Ash Wednesday**

During the time of the early Christian church, the forty days of Lent was a time of preparation for the candidates to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. People new to the faith would spend this time fasting, praying, and studying in anticipation of their baptism. With that tradition in mind, we use the midweek Lenten services to focus on the basics of our belief. Each worshiper will be given a cut-out of a classical Christian symbol to eventually make a hanging mobile appropriate for the home. The symbol for Ash Wednesday will be the cross. Other symbols will include: two tablets – Ten Commandments; fish – Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior; triangle – Trinity; shell – Baptism; chalice – Lord's Supper. Services will be offered at 12noon and 7pm. Meals will be served at 12:30pm and 5:30pm. Come to the meals for fellowship. Attend the midweek Lenten services as a part of your Lenten discipline!

Cross	Marked with the Cross
Ten Commandments	Ten Words of Freedom
Trinity	All for One, and One for All
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior	Jesus Is Lord
Baptism	Washing in the Word
Lord's Supper	Eating and Drinking in the Word

[Foundations of Our Faith is a mid-week Lenten series that I have used at several sites. I pass out symbols and yarn for each service so that the symbols can be tied to each other in a long chain. This is an adaptation of the series on the Synod Resource Center web site contributed by Pastor Carm Aderman. I use the Lent Dialog from *Lutheran Book of Worship*.]

#### **Resources**

Foundations of our Christian Faith: A Lenten Series

During the first century, the 40 days of Lent were a catechetical study time for candidates preparing to be baptized on Easter. People new to the faith would spend those 40 days fasting, praying, and studying in anticipation of their Baptism. With that tradition in mind, we use the six Sundays of Lent to review the basics of our Christian faith.

**Lenten Series Intro - Synod Resource Center**

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church\\_seasons/lent/0002/lenten\\_series\\_intro.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church_seasons/lent/0002/lenten_series_intro.html)

Images for Foundations of our Christian Faith: A Lenten Series

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/Lent>

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church\\_seasons/lent/](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church_seasons/lent/)

Lent Dialog

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 The Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

**Call upon him while he is near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways,

**and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

**To our God, who is generous in forgiving.**

All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**Praised by God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**The Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship | Augsburg Fortress**

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/300/Lutheran-Book-of-Worship>

Images for Lent Dialog

<http://www.amazon.com/Lutheran-Book-Worship-Pew-Edition/dp/080063330X>

<http://www.ebay.com/bhp/lutheran-book-of-worship>

Page 127

For the prayer of the day, I use the following prayers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: Cross – Holy Cross Day (page 57), Ten Commandments – Maundy Thursday (first prayer, page 30), Trinity – The Holy Trinity (first prayer, page 37) Baptism – Baptism of Our Lord (C, page 22) and Lord's Supper – Maundy Thursday (second prayer, page 30).

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress**

Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Creed. The First Commandment. The Second Commandment. The Third Commandment. Page 1160

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress Small Catechism of Martin Luther.

**Crucifixion - Wikipedia**

Crucifixion is a method of [capital punishment](#) in which the victim is tied or nailed to a large wooden beam and left to hang for several days until eventual death from exhaustion and [asphyxiation](#).<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>

The [crucifixion of Jesus](#) is a central narrative in [Christianity](#), and the [cross](#) (sometimes [depicting Jesus nailed onto it](#)) is the main religious symbol for many Christian churches.



Crucifixion of Jesus by Marco Palmezzano (Uffizi, Florence), painting ca. 1490

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion>

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion>

Images for crucifixion of jesus

## **Foundations of Our Faith – Cross Ash Wednesday**

Order of Worship

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress**

Ash Wednesday Page 251

Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Creed. The First Commandment. The Second Commandment. The Third Commandment. Page 1160

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

Gathering Song	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Hymn of the Day	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Sending Song	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Message	Marked with the Cross

## **Resources**

**Ash Wednesday and Lent in 2 Minutes! | ...In the Meantime – David Lose**

Another great video by the folks at [Busted Halo](#), this time explaining in a little over two minutes the meaning of, and some of the customs around Ash Wednesday and Lent. Protestants will note the occasional different in practice,

but overall this is a great little tutorial and refresher done with the enthusiasm and creativity we've come to associate with the Busted Halo crowd. Enjoy.

<http://www.davidlose.net/2013/02/ash-wednesday-and-lent-in-2-minutes/>

[Images for Ash Wednesday and Lent in 2 Minutes! | ...In the Meantime – David Lose](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0> Ash Wednesday & Lent in Two Minutes – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xo1mjuy1NA0> Lent in 3 Minutes (NEW!) - YouTube

<http://www.davidlose.net/tag/lent/>

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=1465> Why Lent? by David Lose - Craft of Preaching

[http://day1.org/4614-david\\_lose\\_does\\_lent\\_still\\_matter](http://day1.org/4614-david_lose_does_lent_still_matter)

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Images for david lose on why i need lent

<https://churchnextblog.wordpress.com/2014/02/12/the-big-class-with-david-lose-how-can-our-congregation-use-this-course-for-lent/>

### Ash Wednesday Begins Season of Sacrifice | WBNG-TV: News

As parishioners gathered to pray at the Ash Wednesday services, the faithful are marked with a cross of ash, which symbolizes a period of 40 days of prayer and sacrifice.

<http://www.wbng.com/news/video/Ash-Wednesday-Begins-Season-of-Sacrifice-191116541.html>

Images for Ash Wednesday Season of Sacrifice

### Ash Wednesday (1973 film) - Wikipedia

In a desperate attempt to save her faltering marriage, 55-year-old Barbara Sawyer submits to full-body plastic surgery in a Swiss clinic, then checks into an exclusive ski resort to await the arrival of her attorney husband Mark. Reveling in her considerably younger and tauter appearance, she allows playboy Erich to seduce her. When Mark finally arrives, he announces he is divorcing Barbara to marry a younger woman, leaving her to start a new life with her new looks.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ash\\_Wednesday\\_\(1973\\_film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ash_Wednesday_(1973_film))

Images for Ash Wednesday (1973 film)

### Customs and traditions of ash wednesday - TheHolidaySpot: Holidays

At this time of year, many of us are quite familiar with the scene where the young and old, the rich and the poor stand waiting in long queue at the Church. And they may wait for hours, and some may even spare their lunch. No, the zeal is not for clinching a big deal. The reason is rather simple. All of them just want to 'get ashed'. For this is Ash Wednesday.

[http://www.theholidayspot.com/ash\\_wednesday/customs\\_tradition.htm](http://www.theholidayspot.com/ash_wednesday/customs_tradition.htm)

Images for customs and traditions of ash wednesday

### Here We Stand Student Book | Augsburg Fortress

How to Tell the Difference between Theology of the Cross and Theology of Glory

Page 236

How to Become a Theologian of the Cross (and Avoid Being a Theologian of Glory)

Page 240

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8604/Here-We-Stand-Student-Book>

Images for How to Become a Theologian of the Cross

### 9/11: Five Reflections | RELEVANT Magazine

#### Rising Through the Ashes

Art cannot be divorced from faith, for to do so is to literally close our eyes to that beauty of the dying sun setting all around us. Every beauty also suffers. Death spreads all over our lives and therefore faith must be given to see through the darkness, to see through the beauty of "the valley of the shadow of death." Prayers are given, too, in the layers of the broken, pulverized pigments. Beauty is in the brokenness, not in what we can conceive as the perfections, not in the "finished" images but in the incomplete gestures. Now, I await for my paintings to reveal themselves. Perhaps I will find myself rising through the ashes, through the beauty of such broken limitations.

<http://www.relevantmagazine.com/life/current-events/features/26710-9-11-10-years-later>

Images for Rising Through the Ashes

### On Being a Theologian of the Cross: Reflections on Luther's Heidelberg Disputation, 1518 (Theology)

[Gerhard O. Forde]

While there is increasing interest in the "theology of the cross," few people have specific knowledge of what makes it different from other kinds of theology. In *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*, Gerhard O. Forde provides an introduction to this theological perspective through an analysis of Luther's Heidelberg Disputation of 1518, the classic text of the theology of the cross. The book first clarifies the difference between a theology of glory and a theology of the cross and explains how each perspective shapes the very nature of being a theologian. The main body of the book provides commentary on the Heidelberg Disputation-the only complete analysis of this document currently available. Underlying Forde's exposition is the contention that one ought not to speak of the theology of the cross merely as another item among a host of theological options; instead, one must pursue what it means to be a theologian of the cross and to look at all things through suffering and the cross.

<http://www.amazon.com/Being-Theologian-Cross-Reflections-Disputation/dp/080284345X>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS0BEVdkqCk> Christian Book Review: On Being a Theologian of the Cross:

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[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/115013.Gerhard\\_O\\_Forde](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/115013.Gerhard_O_Forde)

Images for On Being a Theologian of the Cross: Reflections on Luther's Heidelberg Disputation, 1518 [Gerhard O. Forde]

### Roman triumph - Wikipedia

The emperor may possibly have had his face painted red and wore a *corona triumphalis*, a *tunica palmata* and a *toga picta*. He may have been accompanied in his chariot by a slave holding a golden wreath above his head and constantly reminding the commander of his mortality by whispering into his ear.

The words that the slave is said to have used are not known, but suggestions include "*Respice te, hominem te memento*" ("Look behind you, remember you are only a man") and "*Memento mori*" ("Remember (that you are) mortal").<sup>[22]</sup>



Panel from a representation of a triumph of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius; a winged *genius* hovers above his head.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman\\_triumph](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_triumph)

Images for Roman triumph

### [PDF]Why and How Do We Use Ashes on Ash Wednesday? - ELCA Resource Repository

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Why\\_and\\_how\\_do\\_we\\_use\\_ashes\\_on\\_Ash\\_Wednesday.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Why_and_how_do_we_use_ashes_on_Ash_Wednesday.pdf)

Images for Why and How Do We Use Ashes on Ash Wednesday? - ELCA Resource Repository

<https://www.hope2all.org/blog/use-ashes-ash-wednesday>

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

## Foundations of Our Faith – Ten Commandments

+indicates the assembly stands

### Gathering

Gathering Music

+Gathering Song

If You but Trust in God to Guide You

+Lenten Dialog

+Prayer of the Day

### Word

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading

1 John 2:7-10

+Gospel

John 13:33-35

Message

Ten Words of Freedom

### Resources

Best 25+ Ten commandments ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/ten-commandments/>

Images for ten commandments pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/gigimccullough/ten-commandments/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/julietstewart/ten-commandments/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/RevSa84/ten-commandments/>

### Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Creed. The Ten Commandments

**FREE TO BE: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism [James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde]**

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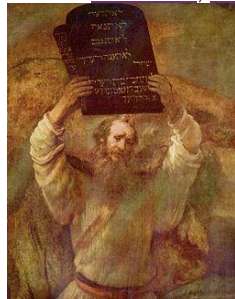
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**Ten Commandments - Wikipedia**

The Ten Commandments, also known as the Decalogue, are a set of [commandments](#) which the Bible describes as being given to the [Israelites](#) by God at [biblical Mount Sinai](#). The Ten Commandments appear twice in the [Hebrew Bible](#), first at [Exodus 20:1–17](#), and then at [Deuteronomy 5:4–21](#). According to Exodus, [God inscribed them](#) on two stone tablets, which he gave to [Moses](#). Modern scholarship has found likely influences in [Hittite](#) and [Mesopotamian](#) laws and treaties, but is divided over exactly when the Ten Commandments were written and who wrote them. According to New Testament writers, the Ten Commandments are clearly attributed to Moses. [John 7:19](#), [Mark 7:10](#), [Ephesians 6:2](#).



*Moses Breaking the Tables of the Law* (1659) by Rembrandt. (Gemäldegalerie, Berlin)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten\\_Commandments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_Commandments)

Images for the ten commandments

**Ten keys for life: A fresh life-giving look at the 10 commandments - The Lutheran Magazine**

"The commandments," he said, "are 10 of the most essential things we struggle with as adults: How do you honor a difficult parent? How do you unhook from the rat race one day each week? How do you stop comparing your lot in life with that of others? How do you deal with attractions when you're in a committed relationship?

"They're not old-fashioned, stuffy or irrelevant. They're keys to the issues we must resolve to live worthwhile and fulfilling lives."

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=408](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=408)

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**Ten words of freedom: An introduction to the faith of Israel, [Jay G Williams]**

The essential faith of Israel is expressed in capsule form in the Ten Commandments, says Jay Williams. Through a careful and far-reaching analysis of these ten "word," he demonstrates that the Decalogue strongly affirms the freedom and dignity of man. These themes in turn form the basis for the whole of biblical theology. Williams'

readable style and his distinctive, even radical, approach will appeal to general reader, beginning student, and specialist alike.

<http://www.amazon.com/Ten-words-freedom-introduction-Israel/dp/0800601319>

Judaism - Page 236 - Google Books Result

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**The Hidden Promise: A Study of the Ten Commandments Leader Guide [James Arne Nestingen]**

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**The Ten Challenges: Spiritual Lessons from the Ten Commandments for Creating Meaning, Growth, and Richness Every Day of Your Life [Leonard Felder]**

This book focuses on the wisdom of the writings commonly known as Ten Commandments as a source of guidance on how to live a meaningful and satisfying life. Written from the perspective of a psychologist, the book focuses on practical living, not on religious instruction. Interpretations from all major religions, as well as philosophical and psychological thought are drawn on to make this a well-rounded and broad-based analysis of the timeless wisdom of the Ten Commandments. In a book that will appeal to readers of M. Scott Peck and Thomas Moore, a bestselling psychologist and author interprets the Ten Commandments in an exciting new psychological and spiritual language that makes them accessible, contemporary principles to live by.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Ten-Challenges-Spiritual-Commandments/dp/1879215489>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I25Mokmnq-c> Dr. Leonard Felder - Spiritual Tools for Dealing with Your Most

Stressful Situations – YouTube

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Images for Leonard Felder, author

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**The Ten Commandments -- Minnesota Style - BreakPoint**

<http://www.breakpoint.org/tp-home/blog-archives/blog-archives/entry/4/4975>

Images for Ten Commandments -- Minnesota Style

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Commandments...country style!

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**The Ten Commandments (1956 film) - Wikipedia**

The Ten Commandments is a 1956 American epic religious drama film produced, directed, and narrated by Cecil B. DeMille, shot in VistaVision (color by Technicolor), and released by Paramount Pictures.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Ten\\_Commandments\\_\(1956\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ten_Commandments_(1956_film))

Images for Ten Commandments (1956 film)

Thanksgiving

+Hymn of the Day

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

+Creed

Offering

+Offering Prayer

+Prayers

**Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther]**

The First Commandment. The Second Commandment. The Third Commandment.

<http://www.amazon.com/Luthers-Small-catechism-prayerform/dp/B0007FNZ9Q>

Images for Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther] The First Commandment. The Second Commandment. The Third Commandment.

+Lord's Prayer

### Sending

+Blessing

+Sending Song

+Sending Music

O Christ, Our Hope

## Foundations of Our Faith Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior

*+indicates the assembly stands*

### Gathering

Gathering Music

+Gathering Song

+Lenten Dialog

+Prayer of the Day

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

### Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:15-17

+Gospel

John 12:44-50

Message

Jesus Is Lord

### Resources

#### Faithful and Courageous Christians In Unsettling Times (Lutheran Voices) [Mark S. Hanson]

This book engages readers in personal reflection and group discussion of what it means to be a follower of Jesus today. Beginning with the promises of God to be present in everyday life and ending with the Christian commitment to act in private and public ways for peace and justice, Bishop Hanson focuses on essential practices of the faithful Christian life.

<http://www.amazon.com/Faithful-Courageous-Christians-Unsettling-Lutheran/dp/B002SG7WVE>

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#### FREE TO BE: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism [James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde]

Unit 2. The Creed

13. Mystery Man

14. Friend of Sinners

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#### One Solitary Life - an essay on the life of Jesus Christ

*One Solitary Life*, the facts about the historic figure of Jesus Christ - His birth, His life, His death.

[http://www.anointedlinks.com/one\\_solitary\\_life.html](http://www.anointedlinks.com/one_solitary_life.html)

Images for one solitary life poem

<https://www.pinterest.com/martisp/one-solitary-life-the-life-of-christ/>

Images for one solitary life pinterest

### Thanksgiving

+Hymn of the Day

The Church's One Foundation

+Creed

Offering

+Offering Prayer

+Prayers

#### Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther]

The Creed. The Second Article.

<http://www.amazon.com/Luthers-Small-catechism-prayerform/dp/B0007FNZ9Q>

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+Lord's Prayer

Sending

+Blessing

+Sending Song

Jesus Shall Reign

+Sending Music

#### Ichthys - Wikipedia

ΙΧΘΥΣ (*ichthys*), or also ΙΧΘΥC with a [lunate sigma](#), is an [acronym](#) or [acrostic](#)<sup>[7]</sup> for *Iēsous Christos, Theou Yios, Sōtēr*, [contemporary Koine](#), which translates into English as 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, [Our] Savior'.



*Ichthys* as adopted as a Christian symbol.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ichthys>

Images for Ichthys

### Foundations of Our Faith – Trinity

+indicates the assembly stands

Gathering

Gathering Music

+Gathering Song

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

+Lenten Dialog

+Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

+Gospel

John 16:12-15

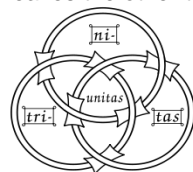
Message

All for One, and One for All

#### Resources

##### Borromean rings - Wikipedia

In mathematics, the Borromean rings consist of three topological circles which are linked but where removing any one ring leaves the other two unconnected.



The Borromean rings as a symbol of the Christian Trinity, from a 13th-century manuscript.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borromean\\_rings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borromean_rings)

Images for borromean rings

#### FREE TO BE: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism [James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde]

Unit 2. The Creed

15. God the Verb

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<http://www.amazon.com/FREE-Handbook-Luthers-Small-Catechism/dp/B001CS8AKG>

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Holy Trinity and unholy trinity: a choice

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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The devil, the world, and our flesh

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## The Foundation of Everything – Not Just a Theory of Everything

The Theory of Everything is really the complexity of unity and therein lies our strength and weakness. The strongest geometric shape is the triangle and a full 3-dimensional representation is the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt, which is a representation of both phi and pi. It is interesting how many things are based upon three, as in the Borromean rings...

Even if we put religion aside, since that is a very personal subject, what is the basic structure of God? It is known as the **Holy Trinity**. This may be the most basic stable structure possible seen throughout nature, yet at the same time it is the greatest of all Christian mysteries – The Foundation of Everything – we are born, we live, and we die. The trinity of life itself. Some will argue that is why there is the structure of three based upon the Holy Trinity.

<http://armstrongeconomics.com/archives/33452>

Images for Holy Trinity greatest of all Christian mysteries

<http://armstrongeconomics.com/archives/21577> Everything is Complexity = Strength

Images for Everything is Complexity = Strength

## Trinity - Textweek

[www.textweek.com/art/trinity.htm](http://www.textweek.com/art/trinity.htm)

Images for Trinity - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/yeara/trinitya.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearb/trinityb.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearc/trinityc.htm>

## Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno - Wikipedia

*Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno* is a **Latin** phrase that means “One for all, all for one” in **English**.

### Traditional Motto of Switzerland

Switzerland has no *official* motto defined in its constitution or legislative documents.<sup>[1]</sup> The phrase, in its **German** (*Einer für alle, alle für einen*), **French** (*un pour tous, tous pour un*), **Italian** (*Uno per tutti, tutti per uno*) and **Romansh** (*In per tuts, tuts per in*) versions, came into widespread use in the 19th century. After autumn storms had caused widespread floods in the **Alps** in late September and early October 1868, officials launched an aid campaign under that slogan,<sup>[2]</sup> deliberately using it to evoke a sense of duty and solidarity and national unity in the population of the young nation—Switzerland had become a **federal state** only 20 years earlier, and the last civil war among the **cantons**, the *Sonderbundskrieg*, had been in 1847. Newspaper ads that used the motto to call for donations were run in all parts of the country.<sup>[3]</sup> The phrase was increasingly associated with the **founding myths** of Switzerland, which often also have solidarity as a central theme, to such a degree that “*Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno*” was even written in the cupola of the **Federal Palace of Switzerland** in 1902.<sup>[4]</sup> It has since been considered the motto of the country. Politicians of all parties and regions acknowledge it as the motto of Switzerland.<sup>[5][6][7][8][9]</sup>

### Three Musketeers

One for all, and all for one (*Un pour tous, tous pour un*; also inverted to *All for one, and one for all*) is a **motto** traditionally associated with the titular heroes of the novel *The Three Musketeers* written by **Alexandre Dumas** père, first published in 1844. In the novel, it was the motto of a group of French **musketeers** named **Athos**, **Porthos**, **Aramis** and **d'Artagnan** who stayed loyal to each other through thick and thin.<sup>[10][11][12]</sup>

On November 30, 2002, in an elaborate but solemn procession, six **Republican Guards** carried the coffin of Dumas from its original interment site in the Cimetière de **Villers-Cotterêts** in **Aisne** to the **Panthéon**. The coffin was draped in a blue-velvet cloth inscribed with the motto.<sup>[13]</sup>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unus\\_pro\\_omnibus,\\_omnes\\_pro\\_uno](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unus_pro_omnibus,_omnes_pro_uno)

Images for Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno

Images for Three Musketeers

## Thanksgiving

+Hymn of the Day      Come, Thou Almighty King  
+Creed  
Offering  
+Offering Prayer  
+Prayers

## Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther]

The Creed. The Third Article.

<http://www.amazon.com/Luthers-Small-catechism-prayerform/dp/B0007FNZ9Q>

Images for Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther] The Creed. The Third Article.

+Lord's Prayer

## Sending

+Blessing

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+Sending Song  
+Sending Music

Father Most Holy

## Foundations of Our Faith – Baptism

+indicates the assembly stands

### Gathering

Gathering Music

+Gathering Song

+Lenten Dialog

+Prayer of the Day

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

### Word

First Reading

Acts 22:12-16

Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11

+Gospel

Matthew 28:18-20

Message

Washing in the Word

### Resources

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25. Letting Go to Take Hold

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### Washing in the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

This imaginative DVD introduces the Lutheran understanding of Baptism to grades 4-6 and above. Great for use with confirmation and new member classes. 15 minutes.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5421/Washing-in-the-Word-The-Sacrament-of-Holy-Baptism>

<http://www.amazon.com/Washing-Word-Sacrament-Holy-Baptism/dp/0806621486>

Images for Washing in the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### What does a shell represent in baptism - Answers.com

Shell. An emblem of baptism since the twelfth century. Once pouring water was the accepted mode for baptizing, the shell became a handy accessory. Also, a symbol for the pilgrim, explaining probably why the shell is an emblem of St. James the Apostle, whose shrine is a famed place of pilgrimage. It is also the emblem for St. Augustine, who had a vision of a child (believed to be Christ) who told him that he could sooner empty the ocean with a shell than understand the Trinity.

[http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What\\_does\\_a\\_shell\\_represent\\_in\\_baptism](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_does_a_shell_represent_in_baptism)

Images for what does a shell represent in baptism



The shell (usually a scallop or cockle shell) with three water drops is a symbol of baptism generally, and especially of the baptism of Christ. The three droplets remind us of the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — into which Christians are baptized. The shell alone may also be used as a symbol for pilgrimage, and may be used as an emblem for saints known for their travels (such as [St. James](#)) or whose shrines have become destinations for pilgrims.

### Christian Symbols: S - Planetgast.net

<http://www.planetgast.net/symbols/symbolss/symbolss.html>

Images for shell with three water drops a symbol of baptism

### Thanksgiving

+Hymn of the Day

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

+Creed

Offering

+Offering Prayer

+Prayers

### Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther]

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Images for Sacrament of Holy Baptism

+Lord's Prayer

### Sending

+Blessing

+Sending Song

+Sending Music

Our Father, By Whose Name

## Foundations of Our Faith – Lord's Supper

+indicates the assembly stands

### Gathering

Gathering Music

+Gathering Song

+Lenten Dialog

+Prayer of the Day

Let Us Break Bread Together

### Word

First Reading

Second Reading

+Gospel

Message

Isaiah 53:4-6

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Matthew 26:26-29

Eating and Drinking in the Word

### Resources

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28. Two Traps

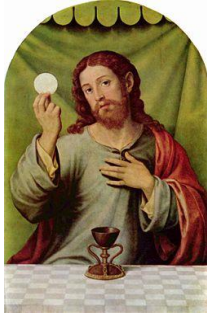
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### Holy Chalice - Wikipedia

In [Christian tradition](#), the Holy Chalice is the vessel which Jesus used at the [Last Supper](#) to serve the wine. The vessel is referred to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the word "cup" being generally used in English translations. The celebration of the [Eucharist](#) in Christian churches and communities retains the original elements of the *Last Supper*, the bread and the "cup" or chalice, with the celebrant using the words of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels. There are traditions in the Catholic Church that the Holy Chalice still exists and may be identified with one of several candidates. However, the evidence supporting these claims is still widely questioned.<sup>[*not verified in body*]</sup> The Holy Chalice is also associated with the [Holy Grail](#), initially a specifically literary tradition, of medieval origin.



*Christ of the Eucharist* by Juan Juanes. This 16th-century painting depicts the Valencia Chalice.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy\\_Chalice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Chalice)

Images for Holy Chalice

### Last Supper - Wikipedia

The Last Supper is the final meal that, in the Gospel accounts, Jesus shared with his Apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last\\_Supper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last_Supper)

Images for Last Supper

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Last\\_Supper\\_\(Leonardo\\_da\\_Vinci\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Supper_(Leonardo_da_Vinci))

Images for Last Supper (Leonardo da Vinci)

### The Passion of the Christ - The Last Supper – YouTube

The Passion of the Christ video of the Last Supper with the song "Remembrance" by Matt Maher.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltcURbkjXOA>



Images for Last Supper - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=997ni1xcmKw> The Last Supper - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV6\\_wTrkd70](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV6_wTrkd70) The Last Supper (da Vinci) - YouTube

Images for Last Supper (da Vinci)

### Thanksgiving

+Hymn of the Day For the Bread Which You Have Broken

+Creed

Offering

+Offering Prayer

+Prayers

**Luther's Small catechism in prayer form [Martin Luther]**

The Sacrament of the Altar

<http://www.amazon.com/Luthers-Small-catechism-prayerform/dp/B0007FNZ9Q>

[Images for Luther's Small catechism in prayer form \[Martin Luther\] The Sacrament of the Altar](#)

+Lord's Prayer

### Sending

+Blessing

+Sending Song Sent Forth by God's Blessing

+Sending Music

### Seven Last Words from the Cross

When I am serving in a setting for a second year, I like to use the Seven Last Words from the Cross.

#### Ash Wednesday

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-1-7

Psalm Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Luke 23:26-49

Father, forgive them.

Gathering Song Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Hymn of the Day Our Father, We Have Wandered

Sending Song Lord Jesus, Think on Me

#### Second Midweek Lenten Service

First Reading Isaiah 53:12

Psalm Psalm 22:6-8

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-18

Gospel Luke 23:39-43

Today you will be with me in paradise.

Gathering Song In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymn of the Day Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Sending Song Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Prayer of the Day Holy Cross Day – September 14

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#### Third Midweek Lenten Service

First Reading Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Psalm Psalm 69:1-12

Second Reading Hebrews 10:19-25

Gospel John 19:16-27

Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.

Gathering Song Were You There

Hymn of the Day I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sending Song Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Prayer of the Day Tuesday in Holy Week

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#### Fourth Midweek Lenten Service

First Reading Isaiah 53:1-6  
Psalm Psalm 22:1-5, 16-18  
Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel Matthew 27:26-46 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gathering Song Ah, Holy Jesus  
Hymn of the Day O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
Sending Song Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Prayer of the Day Good Friday – second prayer  
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#### Fifth Midweek Lenten Service

First Reading Proverbs 31:6  
Psalm Psalm 69:21  
Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16  
Gospel John 19:16-18, 28-29 I am thirsty.

Gathering Song Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
Hymn of the Day Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross  
Sending Song Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Prayer of the Day Wednesday in Holy Week  
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#### Sixth Midweek Lenten Service

First Reading Acts 7:54-60  
Psalm Psalm 31:1-5  
Second Reading John 17:1-5  
Gospel John 19:30, Luke 23:44-46 It is finished.  
Into thy hands I commit my spirit.

Gathering Song Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed  
Hymn of the Day Go to Dark Gethsemane  
Sending Song Christ, the Life of All the Living

Prayer of the Day Monday in Holy Week  
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#### **Resources**

**Best 25+ Jesus last words ideas on Pinterest**

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/jesus-last-words/>

Images for jesus last words pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/jilworldwide/the-7-last-words-of-jesus/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/estellagonzales/last-seven-words/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/362750944966809461/> Discover ideas about Jesus Last Words

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/63543044717423354/> Discover ideas about Words Of Jesus

**Seven Last Words: Lenten Reflections for Today's Believers by Alice Camille (Author), Sheldon Cohen (Author)**

Lyrical, encouraging and challenging reflections delve into the meaning of Christ's sayings from the Cross and bring them to life for contemporary Christians. Each of the seven reflections illuminates the Good Friday event and link it to a personal application that has meaning throughout the Lenten season and the entire year. Seven Last Words will appeal both to individuals and to Lenten discussion groups.

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<https://www.amazon.com/Seven-Last-Words-Reflections-Believers/dp/0879461918>

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/91051.Seven\\_Last\\_Words](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/91051.Seven_Last_Words)

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**Seven Last Words – You Tube by Frank Pavone 7 videos**  
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<http://www.priestsforlife.org/blog/index.php/the-seven-last-words-of-christ>  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHglhNUU1Yg> Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBF0CY5ITiA> The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ09NBYUDw> Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross – YouTube  
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**The Seven Last Words of Christ: Reflections for Holy Week - Patheos**  
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/series/the-seven-last-words-of-christ-reflections-for-holy-week/>  
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayings\\_of\\_Jesus\\_on\\_the\\_cross](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayings_of_Jesus_on_the_cross)  
Images for crucifixion, seen from the cross

**Words That Last Forever (Product/Goods). A SERIES OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT. Author: Arden Mead.**  
Christ had no epitaph. Buried in a borrowed tomb, no words were emblazoned across his grave. Instead, during the final hours of his life, Christ mapped out his way of suffering with seven famous last words-seven final phrases, remembered and recited throughout the ages--tiny touchstones along his way of sorrows. We may find that these last words have a lasting impact, even now, for us.  
The sermons can be delivered by three voices (for dramatic impact) or delivered by one voice as a monolog homily. Services for all seven Last Words are included (Ash Wednesday through Good Friday) ... plus a service for Maundy Thursday ("For you"), and for Easter Sunday ("Alleluia!"). Nine sermons, with complete worship services and brand new children's sermons!  
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### **Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism**

The following midweek Lenten series is an adaptation of one offered in *Sundays and Seasons* Year C 2016, page 106, Augsburg Fortress. The focus for each week is a portion of the baptismal covenant from the order for Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 236. The order of worship was printed on one side of the bulletin, and the material provided below for each week was printed on the back, together with discussion questions for the Confirmation students. The questions for the first service are printed below, and a variation of these questions were used for the rest of the services. After each service of worship, each of the Confirmation students met with their mentors for guided conversation.

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<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016?c=257594>

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#### Midweek Service after the First Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song	God Is Here!
Hymn of the Day	All Are Welcome
Sending Song	Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

First Reading	Acts 2:37-47
Psalms	Psalms 133
Second Reading	Galatians 3:27-28
Gospel	Luke 10:25-28

Message To live among God's faithful people

#### **LIVE Among God's Faithful People - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA**

Living in community as God's faithful people is a gift of love, and an invitation to serve in mission. We are chosen not for position or privilege, but to live as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. In our baptism we were made children of God and members of the body of Christ, the church. God's message of hope and reconciliation strengthens us in our faith walk. Our life in Christian community supports us as we experience the joys and struggles of life. In our walk we are encouraged to equally embrace all differences and celebrate the diversity of gifts that can strengthen us.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Living-Our-Baptismal-Covenant/Live-Images-for-LIVE-Among-God's-Faithful-People> - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA

#### Questions for Reflection

1. Discuss the Bible passages written above and what they have to say about "live among God's faithful people."
2. Discuss the paragraph on "Living in community..." and expand upon what it has to say about "live among God's faithful people."
3. Discuss each of the bullet points and expand upon what they have to say to you about "live among God's faithful people."

#### Midweek Service after the Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song	Dearest Jesus, at Your Word
Hymn of the Day	Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Sending Song	For the Bread Which You Have Broken

First Reading	Isaiah 53:4-6
Psalms	Psalms 119:97-104
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-28
Gospel	Luke 24:28-32

Message To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

#### **HEAR the Word of God - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA**

We listen deeply as we hear, read and study God's word. As God's word speaks to us, it comes both as command and promise. We listen to see how the message challenges us and encourages us in our lives. We listen for God's call and God's guidance. And we listen to the words of the Lord's Supper to remind us that the body of Christ was given for us and the blood of Christ was shed for us.

The Lord's Supper stands at the center of our lives as Christians. In that meal, we received Jesus' presence into our very bodies. We receive God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, new life and salvation. At the same time, as a community God makes us into the body of Christ, one with all in every time and place who share this holy meal. We become the body of Christ for the sake of the world. That is, we participate in God's mission. Having been showered with God's gifts, God sends us forth to take that love and compassion out into the world to the lonely, the oppressed, the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, the angry, and those suffering in mind, body and spirit.

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/~link.aspx?id=05A76C5455294A5E80ACA5A45D95EA37&z=z>  
Images for HEAR the Word of God - ELCA

#### Midweek Service after the Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song	God, Whose Almighty Word
Hymn of the Day	O Zion, Haste
Sending Song	Rise Up, O Saints of God

First Reading	Acts 5:42
Psalms	Psalms 71:15-24
Second Reading	
Gospel	Luke 24:44-49

Message To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

## PROCLAIM the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA

Think about proclaiming the good news. It's easy to envision a pastor in the pulpit on Sunday morning bringing the Word of God to the gathered people. But through our baptismal covenant, we all are called to proclaim the good news of God in Christ. Not just the pastor, but every one of us. And not just once, or once in a while. We are called to proclaim the good news day after day, never ceasing, just as the disciples did in the passage above.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Living-Our-Baptismal-Covenant/Proclaim>  
Images for PROCLAIM the Good News of God in Christ – ELCA

### Midweek Service after the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song	The Son of God, Our Christ Alternative Tune: Savior, Again to You Dear Name
Hymn of the Day	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Sending Song	God of Grace and God of Glory
First Reading	Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm	Psalm 25:1-10
Second Reading	1 Peter 4:10-11
Gospel	Mark 10:42-45
Message	To serve all people, following the example of Jesus

## SERVE All People Following the Example of Jesus – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA

To follow the example of Jesus and serve all people requires us to get involved in the lives of others. Jesus valued relationships. Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman, making time for children or comforting his friends Martha and Mary serves as a blueprint for moving us beyond projects and anonymous charitable activities to relationships.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Living-Our-Baptismal-Covenant/Serve>  
Images for SERVE All People Following the Example of Jesus – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

### Midweek Service after the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song	O God of Mercy, God of Light
Hymn of the Day	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Sending Song	Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
First Reading	Micah 6:6-8
Psalm	Psalm 85
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-9
Message	To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

## STRIVE for Justice and Peace in All the Earth – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA

As believers in Christ we are called to be about the work of justice in our personal and public life. We recognize that God's justice is something deeper and purer than our own best understanding of justice. And yet, we are called to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves.

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/~link.aspx?id=5370499FA1954565BE61BC3FC7783CA6&z=z>  
Images for STRIVE for Justice and Peace in All the Earth - ELCA

[The following resources provide additional material to use for this series.]

**Called to Follow: A Daily Devotional and Small Group Discipleship Resource (Going Deeper: A Journey with Jesus Book 3) - Kindle edition by John D. Herman.**

*Called to Follow, Book Three of the Going Deeper: A Journey with Jesus series, uses the outline of the baptismal covenant from the Affirmation of Baptism service to describe the characteristics of what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus. Christians at all points on their faith journeys will find this to be an in-depth and challenging companion. We learn to live daily, "walking wet," living out our baptism, born anew to become the hands and feet of Christ for the world.*

<http://www.amazon.com/Called-Follow-Devotional-Discipleship-Resource-ebook/dp/B00I2Y1MD0>  
[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Living\\_Our\\_Baptism\\_Small\\_Group\\_Resource.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Living_Our_Baptism_Small_Group_Resource.pdf)  
[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Living\\_Our\\_Baptism\\_Overview.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Living_Our_Baptism_Overview.pdf)

Images for John D. Herman, author called to follow

Images for Called to Follow: A Daily Devotional and Small Group Discipleship Resource by John D. Herman

## With Awe and Love: A Midweek Lenten Series Based on the Small Catechism of Martin Luther

This midweek Lenten series is an adaptation of one offered in *Sundays and Seasons* Year A 2017, Augsburg Fortress page 110, in observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. This series is based on the Small Catechism of Martin Luther in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 1160. An opening dialogue for each week is provided in *Sundays and Seasons*. The worship resources for Ten Commandments, Trinity (Creed), Baptism, and Holy Communion can be taken from Foundations of Our Faith Lenten Services listed above as well as those in *Sundays and Seasons*. Resources for the Lord's Prayer are offered below.

**Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning / Year A, 2017**

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<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress**

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

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### Midweek Service after the Third Sunday in Lent – Lord's Prayer

Gathering Song	Our Father, God in Heaven Above
Hymn of the Day	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Sending Song	Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

First Reading	1 Kings 3:3-14
Psalm	Psalm 81
Second Reading	Matthew 6:9-13
Gospel	Luke 11:1-4

Message Teach Us to Pray

### **Resources**

**FREE TO BE: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism [James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde]**

Unit 3: The Lord's Prayer

17.	He Puts the Words in Our Mouths	118
18.	Praying for Our Father	124
19.	Victory Is Certain	130
20.	Every Day a Gift	137
21.	Deliverance	143

<http://www.amazon.com/FREE-Handbook-Luthers-Small-Catechism/dp/B001CS8AKG>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/250080/Free-to-Be-Revised-Edition>

Images for Praying for Our Father

**How to Pray the Lord's Prayer: 8 Steps (with pictures) - wikiHow**

<http://www.wikihow.com/Pray-the-Lord's-Prayer>

Images for Pray the Lord's Prayer

<https://www.allaboutprayer.org/how-to-pray-to-god-faq.htm>

<http://fervr.net/bible/how-the-lords-prayer-can-help-us-pray>

Images for lords prayer can help us pray

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/the-lords-prayer-be-encouraged-and-strengthened.html>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/christian-trends/a-more-powerful-way-to-pray-the-lord-s-prayer.html>

<http://bradboydston.com/pdf/Lords%20Prayer%20Prayer%20Pattern.pdf>

<https://www.guideposts.org/faith-and-prayer/prayer-stories/pray-effectively/pray-the-lord-s-prayer-for-someone>

<http://www.jesuschrist Savior.net/Prayer.html>

### **Lord's Prayer - Wikipedia**

Matthew 6:9-13 (RSV-2CE)

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.

Luke 11:2-4 (RSV-2CE)

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord%27s\\_Prayer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord%27s_Prayer)

Images for Lord's Prayer

### **Luke 11:1-13 - Textweek**

<http://www.textweek.com/mtlk/lk11.htm>

Images for Luke 11:1-13 - Textweek



### Preaching Series on the Lord's Prayer - Working Preacher

Join Profs. Rolf Jacobson, Mary Shore, and Craig Koester for "I Love to Tell the Story," a conversation on the narrative lectionary. This podcast covers a five-week preaching series on the Lord's Prayer.

[https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative\\_podcast.aspx?podcast\\_id=391](https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative_podcast.aspx?podcast_id=391)

Images for Preaching Series on the Lord's Prayer - Working Preacher

[https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=1703](https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1703) Matthew 6:9-13 Commentary by Craig R. Koester - Workingpreacher.org

### The prayer that Jesus taught us - Living Lutheran

The prayer that Jesus taught the disciples has a relational and communal coherence throughout that may be missed if we exclusively employ an individual lens that has the danger of rendering the plural "our" as merely the singular "my."

The overall relational and communal coherence of this prayer moves us to extend the focus of our prayer beyond the bread for the individual and his or her loved ones, forgiveness of personal sins, and protection from personal temptations and external evil and harm.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/11/prayer-jesus-taught-us/>

Images for prayer that Jesus taught us - Living Lutheran

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

### What Does the Bible Say About Prayer? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/prayer>

Images for bible and prayer

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/prayer-bible-verses/>

[www.christianbiblereference.org/faq\\_prayer.htm](http://www.christianbiblereference.org/faq_prayer.htm)

[www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/prayer](http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/prayer)

<https://www.thoughtco.com/basics-to-prayer-701334>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/10-most-important-verses-on-prayer-in-the-bible.html>

Images for prayer in the bible

### What Does the Bible Say About The Lords Prayer? - OpenBible.info

[https://www.openbible.info/topics/the\\_lords\\_prayer](https://www.openbible.info/topics/the_lords_prayer)

Images for bible and lord's prayer

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Lords-prayer.html>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/3-lord-s-prayer-matthew-65-15-luke-111-13>

### When You Pray: The Lord's Prayer with Dr James Nestingen | Select Learning

Nesting, whose father was a pastor, comes from a large, extended Norwegian-American family. "We're an immigrant family," he explains, defined by eagerness for the center of Lutheranism, and a fondness for oral storytelling. Listen to one of Nestingen's lectures, and you're likely to find yourself laughing as he illustrates a point about baptism with slightly irreverent tale drawn from his roots in North Dakota. "Boredom is heresy," he says. There are 9 sessions (each a separate podcast) looking at the Lord's Prayer.

<http://www.selectlearning.org/store/all/when-you-pray-lords-prayer-dr-james-nesting>

Images for Lord's Prayer with Dr James Nestingen

<https://www.thenalc.org/nesting-dvd-series/> 9. Lord's Prayer

<https://theoldadam.com/2010/02/06/video-on-praying-the-lords-prayer/>

[https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/22-1\\_Lords\\_Prayer/22-1\\_Nesting.pdf](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/22-1_Lords_Prayer/22-1_Nesting.pdf)

### Where Did Jesus Teach the Lord's Prayer? - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqB-YWQoji8>

Images for Lord's Prayer - YouTube

## Lenten Services

### Resources

Best 10+ Lenten season ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/lenten-season/>

Images for lenten season pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/irenetiedt/lenten-season/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/hunt0960/lenten-season/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/betseyjo88/lenten-season/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/mrlcg/lenten-season/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/revjoelle/lent/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cynthiapiercy/lent/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/jeannelevans/lent/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cpick3221/lent/>

Images for lent pinterest

### Lent : Creative Communications - Protestant

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA!CPLNT/Lent.aspx>

Images for Lent : Creative Communications - Protestant

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPCLEAR!CPLNT/Seasonal-Lent.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/product/CWZ/> Lent Creative Worship Resources Product/Goods Arden Mead

Images for Lent Creative Worship Resources Product/Goods Arden Mead

### Lenten Activities - Synod Resource Center

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/pg/holiday\\_activities/lent/0006/lent\\_offerings.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/pg/holiday_activities/lent/0006/lent_offerings.html)

Images for Lenten Activities - Synod Resource Center

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/>

### Martin Luther, the Man, the Legacy

The old world was falling apart. The new world, waiting to be born. Bibles were found only in museums, monasteries and libraries, written in languages only scholars could understand. People prayed to the dead and paid the church to guarantee their ticket out of hell. Faith was tied up in superstition and rules. The church owned a monopoly on kings, thrones, society, culture and personal life. It could ban you from Holy Communion, commerce and even heaven if you didn't follow the rules. At this moment in history, one solitary monk took on the powers of popes and kings. Backed by his conscience, a Bible, reason, and a restless faith, Martin Luther put his life on the line, took a brave stand and birthed the movement that would usher in the modern world. Follow the protesting professor's beginnings from his personal struggle to find peace with God, and on into the political storm that became the Protestant Reformation. During this season of Lent, learn about the life, theology, and legacy of Martin Luther.

Join us as we hear how one solitary monk took on the powers of popes and kings. Backed by his conscience, a Bible, reason, and a restless faith, Martin Luther put his life on the line, took a brave stand and birthed the movement that would usher in the modern world.

#### Sermon Themes

Wednesday, February 25

The Stormy Monk Luke 1:78-79

Wednesday, March 4

The Protesting Professor Romans 1:17

Wednesday, March 11

Trouble, Trouble, Trouble Haggai 2:4-5

Wednesday, March 18

Heretic's Trial Ephesians 2:8

Wednesday, March 25

Martin Luther: A Legacy Isaiah 40:8

### [PDF] Hope's Happenings - Hope Lutheran Church

[http://www.hopelutheran-ec.com/February\\_Hopes\\_Happenings\\_2015.pdf](http://www.hopelutheran-ec.com/February_Hopes_Happenings_2015.pdf)

[http://www.hopelutheran-ec.com/March\\_Hopes\\_Happenings\\_2015.pdf](http://www.hopelutheran-ec.com/March_Hopes_Happenings_2015.pdf)

Images for Reformer Martin Luther, the Man, the Legacy

### First Sunday in Lent on February 22 to focus on temptation of Jesus

On Ash Wednesday, the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. The First Sunday in Lent tells how the Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign. *Sundays and Seasons*. Year B. 2015. Page 121.

Gathering	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Song of Mercy	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Scripture	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Hymn of the Day	O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
Offering	Create in Me a Clean Heart
Sending	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

### Resources on Temptation of Jesus

#### Matthew 4:1-11 Commentary by Judith Jones - Workingpreacher.org

Jesus has come not to rule Satan's kingdom, but to proclaim and to bring the reign of God. After the resurrection, Jesus will receive all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18), but it will be God's gift, not Satan's.

By defining "Son of God" not by privilege or power but by obedience to God, Jesus has already begun his journey to the cross. Though the devil has left, the temptations are not over. In Matthew 16, Peter proclaims, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" and then completely rejects the idea that God's son should suffer and die. Jesus' response is pointed: "Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23)

[https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=1973](https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1973)

Images for Matthew 4:1-11 Commentary



### Lenten Pretzels - Catholic Education Resource Center

In the early Church, the Lenten abstinence and fasting laws were more strict than what the faithful practice today. Many areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs." Second, the general rule was for a person to have one meal a day, in the evening or at three o'clock in the afternoon, and smaller snacks to maintain strength. So, a need arose for a very simple food, which would fulfill the abstinence and fasting laws.

According to pretzel maker Snyders of Hanover, a young monk in the early 600s in Italy was preparing a special Lenten bread of water, flour, and salt. To remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough in strips and then shaped each strip in the form of crossed arms, mimicking the then popular prayer position of folding one's arms over each other on the chest. The bread was then baked as a soft bread, just like the big soft pretzels one can find today. (To be fair, some traditions date the story to even the 300s.)

Because these breads were shaped into the form of crossed arms, they were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for "little arms."

From this word, the Germans derived the word *bretzel*, which has since mutated to the familiar word *pretzel*.

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/lenten-pretzels.html>

<https://www.rca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=2601> Family Activity for Lent: Making Pretzels | Reformed Church in America

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pretzel>

Images for Lenten Pretzels

### Temptation of Christ - Wikipedia

The temptation of Christ is detailed in the Gospels of [Matthew](#),<sup>[1]</sup> [Mark](#),<sup>[2]</sup> and [Luke](#).<sup>[3]</sup> According to these texts, after being baptized, Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the Judean Desert. During this time, Satan appeared to Jesus and tried to tempt him. Jesus having refused each temptation, Satan departed and angels came and brought nourishment to Jesus.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temptation\\_of\\_Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temptation_of_Christ)

Images for Temptation of Christ

### Resources on Lent

Lent - Craft of Preaching - Working Preacher

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&tag=lent>

Images for Lent - Craft of Preaching - Working Preacher

### Lent in 3 Minutes (NEW!) - YouTube

What is [#Lent](#) all about? Why do Christians receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? Why 40 days? In a BRAND NEW version of our classic video (with a bonus extra minute -- because there's a lot happening here!), Busted Halo explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkqHQGdPwMo>

Images for Lent - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3HniLF5F4A> A Journey Through Lent - YouTube

Images for Journey Through Lent

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpgoP9\\_acSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpgoP9_acSQ) What is Lent – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn4U33VGbUA> Lent - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Xb8-mkSNSg> Lent Video - 40 Days of Jesus in The Desert - YouTube

Images for 40 Days of Jesus in The Desert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl-3H8owVJs> Lenten Reflection - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkqHQGdPwMo> What Is Lent? - YouTube

### Lent | Topics | Christianity Today

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/topics/l/lent/>

Images for Lent | Topics | Christianity Today

### Lent Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/lent-worship-resource-index.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> Lent Worship Resource Index

Images for Lent Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

### Lenten Links and Resources - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/lent.htm>

Images for Lenten Links and Resources - Textweek

### Amazing Grace

Year A – Fourth Sunday in Lent. John 9:1-41

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

<sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

oremus Bible Browser: John 9:25

<http://bible.oremus.org/?version=nrsv&passage=John+9:1-41>

Images for Man Born Blind Receives Sight

### Amazing Grace - The Cyber Hymnal

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

[http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/a/m/a/amazing\\_grace.htm](http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/a/m/a/amazing_grace.htm)

Images for Amazing Grace

### Resources

#### Amazing Grace (2006 film) - Wikipedia

*Amazing Grace* is a 2006 American-British [biographical](#) drama film directed by [Michael Apted](#), about the campaign against [slave trade](#) in the [British Empire](#), led by [William Wilberforce](#), who was responsible for steering anti-slave trade legislation through the [British parliament](#). The title is a reference to the [hymn](#) "[Amazing Grace](#)". The film also recounts the experiences of [John Newton](#) as a crewman on a slave ship and subsequent [religious conversion](#), which inspired his writing of the poem later used in the hymn. Newton is portrayed as a major influence on Wilberforce and the abolition movement.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazing\\_Grace\\_\(2006\\_film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazing_Grace_(2006_film))

Images for Amazing Grace (2006 film)

#### The John Newton Project: Amazing Grace: The Sermon Notes

John Newton's own sermon notes for his hymn

[http://www.johnnewton.org/Mobile/default.aspx?article\\_id=50733](http://www.johnnewton.org/Mobile/default.aspx?article_id=50733)

Images for John Newton Amazing Grace

### Women of the ELCA Bold Women's Day on February 22

Bold Women's Day – observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February – celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Whether you live out your bold story of faith in the workplace, family or community, your faith compels you to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out your baptismal call, being a disciple of Christ.

Taken from *Celebrating Bold Women's Day*.

### Resources

#### A Bold Life of Faith: Katharina Von Bora Luther

Katie Luther was a wife, mother, farmer, brew master, innkeeper, and more. In all that she did, she acted boldly on her faith in Jesus Christ. There's a little bit of Katie in all of us. Learn about Katie while learning more about yourself.

[PDF] A Bold Life of Faith - Women of the ELCA

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/KatharinaBoldLifeOfFaith.pdf>

Images for A Bold Life of Faith: Katharina Von Bora Luther

[http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/bold\\_womens\\_day/Litany\\_BoldWomensDay.pdf](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/bold_womens_day/Litany_BoldWomensDay.pdf)

#### Hero of Faith - Katharina Von Bora

Suffering the loss of her mother at a young age, Katherine von Bora (1499–1552), learned to trust in God's care while she was still very young. Born at the end of the 15th century, Katie experienced a special measure of God's protection and love as she ran away from a convent, joined in marriage with a man she barely knew, and entered into the enterprising role of managing a farm, running an extensive household, and raising a large family.

<http://www.cph.org/p-18514-hero-of-faith-katharina-von-bora.aspx>

Images for Hero of Faith - Katharina Von Bora

#### Katharina von Bora - Wikipedia

Katharina von Bora, referred to as "die Lutherin" (January 29, 1499 – December 20, 1552), was the wife of [Martin Luther](#), German leader of the [Protestant Reformation](#). Beyond what is found in the writings of Luther and some of his contemporaries, little is known about her. Despite this, Katharina is often considered one of the most important participants of the Reformation because of her role in helping to define Protestant family life and setting the tone for [clergy](#) marriages.



Portrait of Katharina von Bora by Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1526  
Oil on panel, Warburg-Stiftung, Eisenach Germany

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharina\\_von\\_Bora](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharina_von_Bora)

Images for Katharina von Bora

### Women and the Reformation: Then & Now | The Lutheran

Strong women from the past

How can learning about the Reformation make a difference? It's useful to consider not only the impact of the Reformation on women's lives but also the impact of women on the Reformation. Reflecting on these past leaders can help us draw information and inspiration for our lives today.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/09/women-reformation-now/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/09/luther-church-mothers/>

Images for Women and the Reformation: Then & Now | The Lutheran

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

### Women of the ELCA - YouTube

[Women of the ELCA](#) subscribed to a channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WomenELCA>

Images for Women of the ELCA - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwx1bSQVlqg> Bishop Eaton Address | Women of the ELCA | Ninth Triennial Gathering, Charlotte, N.C., July 25, 2014. - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gyGP0mKmtA> NC Women of the ELCA "WE ARE CHURCH" - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r649sfVOA0M> Gift ideas from Women of the ELCA - YouTube

### Luther Park Bible Camp Special Emphasis on March 8

Come to worship for a taste of Bible Camp when Barb Solsaa from Luther Park Bible Camp will give the message during the service of worship. She will speak at an adult forum during the coffee fellowship and with the Sunday school children following. The children will sing camp songs for special music. She speaks passionately of this important camping ministry to people of all ages the year around.

[Some years, I called Luther Park Bible Camp to reserve their counselor teams to come to the congregation on a summer Sunday. Usually they were booked two to three years out. When Luther Park Bible Camp of Chetek, Wisconsin no longer sent out teams in the summer and instead employed a Director of Church Relations, I asked her to come to congregations to speak about the camp during the service of worship and to the adult forum and Sunday school afterwards. I picked children friendly songs for worship and asked the Sunday school to sing. I asked the organist/pianist at a congregation I was serving if she knew some such songs from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. She gave the following list of songs, which were many more than I had been able to compile.]

Blessed be the Name

Blest are They

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Jesus Loves Me

Lord, Be Glorified

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Shine Jesus Shine

Shout to The Lord

Soon and Very Soon

This Little Light of Mine

We Are Called

We are Marching in the Light

You Are Holy

[Luther Park Bible Camp | Where Faith is Nurtured Through Holy Play](#)

<http://lutherpark.org/>

Images for Luther Park Bible Camp | Where Faith is Nurtured Through Holy Play

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZgSKtuMJ\\_T8RSDriUaZhnw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZgSKtuMJ_T8RSDriUaZhnw) Luther Park Bible Camp-Chetek, WI - YouTube

Images for Luther Park Bible Camp-Chetek, WI - YouTube

### Daylight saving time begins March 11

Daylight Saving Time (United States) 2018 begins on Sunday, March 11, 2am, and ends on Sunday, November 5, 2am.

Set your clocks ahead one hour on March 11. *Spring forward* for daylight savings time.

### Commemoration of Patrick, Missionary to Ireland, on March 17

St. Patrick's Day is known for secular celebrations. Come to a service of worship and hear about his lesser known work as missionary to Ireland. Some of his writings will be included in the worship, and songs will be sung to Irish tunes. No matter your ethnic background, you can commemorate this missionary to Ireland.

Gathering Song	Morning Has Broken
Song of Mercy	Canticle of the Turning
Scripture Song	Lord of All Hopefulness
Hymn of the Day	Be Thou My Vision
Communion	O Christ the Same
Sending Song	The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#### Call to Worship

**St. Patrick's Breastplate** (first two paragraphs)

<http://www.joyfulheart.com/stpatrick/breastplate.htm>

Images for St. Patrick's Breastplate

#### Confession

**The Prayer of St. Patrick** (paragraph three and following)

<http://www.lightparty.com/Spirituality/StPatPrayer.html>.

Images for Prayer of St. Patrick

#### Prayer of the day

**Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick**

[http://www.joyfulheart.com/stpatrick/prayer\\_faithful.htm](http://www.joyfulheart.com/stpatrick/prayer_faithful.htm)

Images for Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick

#### Profession of Faith

I Bind unto Myself Today

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

Hymn 450. Text: attr. Patrick 372-466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823-1895.

<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/worship/evangelicallutheranworship/>

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Resources/ELCA-Worship-Books/ELW.aspx>

Images for I Bind unto Myself Today

#### Blessing

**Island Ireland: Irish Blessings & Prayers**

An Old Irish Blessing

<http://www.islandireland.com/Pages/folk/sets/bless.html>.

Images for an old irish blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qci7E8nQ> Old Irish Blessing - Denes Agay – YouTube

Images for Old Irish Blessing – YouTube

#### Background

**blarney bars recipe | Saint Patrick's Day Recipes - Recipe Goldmine**

<http://www.recipegoldmine.com/saintpatdess/blarney-bars.html>

Images for blarney bars recipe | Saint Patrick's Day Recipes

**How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe**  
by Thomas Cahill (Author)

The perfect St. Patrick's Day gift and a book in the best tradition of popular history - the untold story of Ireland's role in maintaining Western culture while the Dark Ages settled on Europe.

Every year millions of Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but they may not be aware of how great an influence St. Patrick was on the subsequent history of civilization. Not only did he bring Christianity to Ireland, he instilled a sense of literacy and learning that would create the conditions that allowed Ireland to become "the isle of saints and scholars" - and thus preserve Western culture while Europe was being overrun by barbarians.

In this entertaining and compelling narrative, Thomas Cahill tells the story of how Europe evolved from the classical age of Rome to the medieval era. Without Ireland, the transition could not have taken place. Not only did Irish monks and scribes maintain the very record of Western civilization - copying manuscripts of Greek and Latin writers, both pagan and Christian, while libraries and learning on the continent were forever lost - they brought their uniquely Irish world-view to the task.

As Cahill delightfully illustrates, so much of the liveliness we associate with medieval culture has its roots in Ireland. When the seeds of culture were replanted on the European continent, it was from Ireland that they were germinated.

In the tradition of Barbara Tuchman's *A Distant Mirror*, *How the Irish Saved Civilization* reconstructs an era that few know about, but which is central to understanding our past and our cultural heritage. But it conveys its knowledge with a winking wit that aptly captures the sensibility of the unsung Irish who re-launched civilization.

<http://www.amazon.com/Irish-Saved-Civilization-Hinges-History/dp/0385418493>

[http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25669.How\\_the\\_Irish\\_Saved\\_Civilization](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25669.How_the_Irish_Saved_Civilization)

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<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0826448712>  
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<https://www.facebook.com/thomascahillauthor/>  
<http://thomascahill.com/books/how-the-irish-saved-civilization-tr>  
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Images for Thomas Cahill (Author)

Images for How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe by Thomas Cahill (Author)

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

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Images for Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

### Saint Patrick - Wikipedia

Saint Patrick (Latin: *Patricius*; Proto-Irish: \**Qatrikias*;<sup>[2]</sup> Modern Irish: *Pádraig*;<sup>[needs IPA][3]</sup> Welsh: *Padrig*<sup>[4]</sup>) was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of the island along with Saints Brigit and Columba.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but, on a widespread interpretation, he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the fifth century.<sup>[5]</sup> He is generally credited with being the first bishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland.

When he was about 16, he was captured from his home in Great Britain, and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as an ordained bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

**Saint Patrick's Day** is observed on 17 March, the date of his death.<sup>[6]</sup> It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a **solemnity** and a **holy day of obligation**; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.



A modern stained glass depiction of Saint Patrick

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Patrick](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick)

Images for Saint Patrick

St. Patrick's Day: It's greener than you think | The Lutheran

St. Patrick's Day can evoke images of leprechauns, green beer and pubs filled with music late into the night. In Chicago, even the river is dyed green as part of the celebration. But there is something more powerful and transformational beneath this day.



St. Patrick is credited with helping start Celtic Christianity, which has “green” roots in its awareness of creation, the environment and how God is involved in the natural world.

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[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=11906](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11906)

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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

#### The History of Saint Patrick - a Short Story - YouTube

Today when people think of St. Patrick, they imagine a leprecauhn in a green jacket, hat, pipe, clover, and pot of gold. Not a man who devoted 30 years of his life to teaching and helping the Irish. Hopefully you now know a little more about the history of St. Patrick.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOqWT2tk9Js>

Images for History of Saint Patrick - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmNc-NTfmPc> The History of St. Patrick's Day - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\\_wR22xxnQE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_wR22xxnQE) Saint Patricks Day and The Story of St. Patrick - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUR7tYfs7es> St. Patrick HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcZikDgKLSY> St. Patrick HD - YouTube

[Images for Saint Patrick - YouTube](#)

#### Lutheran Social Services Shared Ministry Sunday on March 22

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is one of the most highly regarded social service agencies of any denomination. Come and hear about the shared ministry with LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan as Rev. James Holmberg from LSS Church and Community Relations will give the message and speak at an adult forum during the coffee fellowship.

Gathering Song	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Hymn of the Day	O God of Mercy, God of Light
Sending Song	Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

#### Lutheran Social Services

Prayer of the Day

A Prayer for Shared Ministry with Lutheran Social Services

Almighty and merciful God:

**We give you thanks for the blessings you have so graciously bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ. Especially this day we remember our shared ministry through Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. We ask for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our own lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters who are experiencing pain, need, or misfortune.**

For those torn apart by family conflict and broken homes;

**for those struggling with depression, grief, or personal trauma;**

for those with disabilities who seek opportunity and dignity;

**for those enduring physical, emotional, or sexual abuse;**

for those addicted to alcohol and other drugs;

**for those infants and children without a family to call their own.**

for those facing an unplanned pregnancy;

**for those who are lonely and vulnerable in their old age;**

for those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and jails;

**for those without a country who seek refuge and a new beginning;**

and for those harmed by unjust laws and harsh policies.

**We ask your blessings upon all who reach out to these and others every day through the helping programs of Lutheran Social Services. As a sponsoring congregation of Lutheran Social Services, we eagerly join our hands with theirs.**

Look upon our shared ministry we pray.

**Enable us to bring forth the light of your love in our families, congregations, and communities. Let us become beacons of hope in the midst of our darkened world, flowers of joy in parched places.**

Let us be the Word of Christ, the light of Christ, the touch of Christ.

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Worship resource provided by LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan*

#### Resources

##### Church Relations | LSS of Wisconsin

LSS Sunday is an opportunity to showcase the work your congregation is doing to serve individuals, families and communities through the innovative, unique and highly regarded programs and services of LSS. Your congregation can schedule an LSS Sunday on a date convenient for you. Donation envelopes and DVDs will be mailed to congregations that [register](#) for an LSS Sunday. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Rev. James Holmberg

at [james.holmberg@lsswis.org](mailto:james.holmberg@lsswis.org) or (414) 325-3069.

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Outreach/Church-Relations>



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<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS-Files/LSS-Sunday/LSSSunday2018PrayersoftheChurch.pdf>  
<http://www.lssfoundation.org/LSS-Foundation/Church-Relations>

### Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

For more than 100 years, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has supported individuals, families and communities with services and programs designed to change the world - one grace-filled life at a time. We help people all along the lifespan with services as essential as shelter and clothing, and as life-changing as trauma-informed counseling and adoption. Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, LSS welcomes and serves people of all faiths and backgrounds.

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS.htm>

Images for Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

<https://www.youtube.com/user/lsswis> lsswis - YouTube

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Stories/Videos>

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Stories>

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Stories/In-The-News>

We're available to you and your congregation

When you need a speaker or facilitator, we'll be happy to help! The leaders pictured below are available to preach, facilitate adult forums, and present on the work of LSS. To schedule, please contact them directly. In addition, program staff throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan are available to provide temple talks, adult forums and program-specific presentations. For more information, contact Jim Holmberg.

<https://www.lsswis.org/LSS/Outreach/Church-Relations>

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### Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday on March 29

Relive the palm processional commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then meditate upon Jesus' passion and death on Sunday of the Passion/Palm. Though Jesus is obedient unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world and to be fed by his life-giving mercy.

#### Resources

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition> Page 256

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

### No Preaching Required by Karoline Lewis - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

It's hard to compete with **Palm/Passion Sunday**. And maybe, you shouldn't.

Have you thought about letting the texts speak for themselves? Let this story simply be? Letting the liturgy do what it does and work as it should? Anything further on your part may very well be overkill -- every pun intended. As if you are trying too hard to cover every detail of Holy Week, trying to pack it all in, because you assume that you won't see many of these folks again until Easter Sunday. That's why we have Palm/Passion to begin with, right? Our concern that people won't come to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, so let's make sure we cover all the bases, just in case. How to get Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil all in before the women get to the empty tomb.

Don't try this at home. Not only is it not possible. It's not necessary.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=3569>

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&tag=Palm%20Sunday>

Images for No Preaching Required by Karoline Lewis on Palm/Passion Sunday

#### Palm/Passion Sunday - Textweek

[www.textweek.com/yearb/palmsb.htm](http://www.textweek.com/yearb/palmsb.htm)

Images for Palm/Passion Sunday - Textweek

[www.textweek.com/yeara/passiona.htm](http://www.textweek.com/yeara/passiona.htm)

[www.textweek.com/yearb/passionb.htm](http://www.textweek.com/yearb/passionb.htm)

<http://www.textweek.com/yearc/passionc.htm>

#### Palm Sunday - Wikipedia

Palm Sunday is a Christian [moveable feast](#) that falls on the [Sunday](#) before [Easter](#). The feast commemorates Jesus' [triumphal entry into Jerusalem](#), an event mentioned in each of the four [canonical Gospels](#).<sup>[4]</sup>



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (1320) by [Pietro Lorenzetti](#): entering the city on a donkey symbolizes arrival in peace rather than as a war-waging king arriving on a horse<sup>[1][2]</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm\\_Sunday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_Sunday)

[https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm\\_Sunday](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_Sunday)

Images for palm sunday

#### Palm Sunday Video - YouTube

Palm Sunday is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar after Christmas and Easter. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter, and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of events leading up to Jesus' death.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ23ryYK8ac>

Images for Palm Sunday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoujG6h7UGI> Palm Sunday HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdyJO-aAv8> Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem [Palm Sunday] - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMbF\\_6c1EZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMbF_6c1EZE) Palm Sunday - YouTube

<https://vimeo.com/59691514> God's Story: Palm Sunday on Vimeo

#### Sample Cartoons - patrish.com

Cal064sm – [Palm Sunday](#)

<http://www.patrish.com/tuck/Cartoons.html>

#### Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Service of Worship

Provided by Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod at a *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Your Congregation* event as one of the liturgy resources that she has implemented effectively in small

membership congregation settings over the years. 317-253-3522 ext. 318 [nnyland@iksynod.org](mailto:nnyland@iksynod.org)

The Rev. Neil P. Harrison - Program Director, Congregational Renewal - ELCA Domestic Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - [8765 W Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631-4101](#) - Phone: [800/638-3522 ext. 2667](#) or [773/380-2667](#); Fax: [773/380-2632](#) [Neil.Harrison@elca.org](mailto:Neil.Harrison@elca.org)

#### Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Year A - Page 134

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Year C - Page 132

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>

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Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

#### The Passion Narratives - Oremus

It is traditional to read the various narratives of the Passion of Christ on Palm Sunday and in Holy Week. In many places these readings are distinguished not only by their length and solemnity but also by being read by a group of people, each taking one or more 'parts' in the style of a dramatic reading.

<http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/passion/>

Images for Passion Narratives - Oremus

## Holy Week

### Resources

Holy Week - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/holyweek.htm>

Images for Holy Week - Textweek

### Son of God (2014) - IMDb

*Son of God* is a 2014 American [epic](#) biblical drama feature, produced by [Mark Burnett](#) and [Roma Downey](#). The film was adapted from the ten-hour miniseries [The Bible](#),<sup>[2]</sup> which aired in March 2013 on [History](#) channel.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3210686/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WclXCok9HPg> Son of God Movie Trailer 2014 - Official [HD] - YouTube

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Son\\_of\\_God\\_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Son_of_God_(film))

Images for Son of God (2014) movie

### Synod Resource Center - Worship, Music and Art

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/>

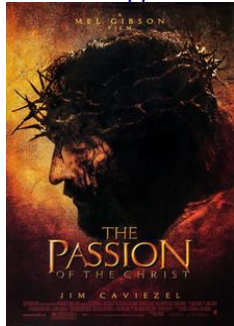
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Images for Synod Resource Center - Worship, Music and Art Holy Week

### The Passion of the Christ (2004) - IMDb

*The Passion of the Christ* (sometimes referred to as *The Passion*)<sup>[3]</sup> is a 2004 American [drama](#) film directed by [Mel Gibson](#) and starring [Jim Caviezel](#) as [Jesus Christ](#). It depicts the [Passion](#) of Jesus largely according to the [New Testament Gospels](#) of [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#). It also draws on pious accounts such as the [Friday of Sorrows](#) along with other devotional writings, such as those disputedly attributed to Blessed [Anne Catherine Emmerich](#).<sup>[4][5][6][7]</sup> The film covers the final 12 hours of Jesus' life, beginning with the [Agony in the Garden](#) of [Gethsemani](#), the [insomnia](#) and [grievance](#) of the [Virgin Mary](#) and ending with a brief depiction of his [resurrection](#). Flashbacks of Jesus as a child and as a young man with [Mary](#) his mother, giving the [Sermon on the Mount](#), teaching the [Twelve Apostles](#), and at the [Last Supper](#) are some of the images depicted.



<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0335345/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Passion\\_of\\_the\\_Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Passion_of_the_Christ)

Images for Passion of the Christ (2004) movie

## The Three Days

### Resources

Holy Week - the Easter Triduum - OnlineMinistries - Creighton University

Our long journey to the font culminates in the three days that make up the Easter Triduum. These three days draw us into the mystery of our salvation.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/holyweek2.html>

Images for Holy Week - the Easter Triduum

### Paschal Triduum - Wikipedia

Easter Triduum, Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days,<sup>[1]</sup> is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of [Maundy Thursday](#) (the vigil of [Good Friday](#))<sup>[2][3]</sup> and ends with [evening prayer](#) on [Easter Sunday](#), the three-day period therefore from the evening of Maundy Thursday (excluding most of Thursday) to the evening of Resurrection Sunday.<sup>[2]</sup> It recalls the [passion](#), [death](#), [burial](#), and [resurrection of Jesus](#), as portrayed in the [canonical Gospels](#).<sup>[4]</sup>



*Christ Washing the Feet of the Apostles* by Meister des Hausbuches, 1475 ([Gemäldegalerie, Berlin](http://www.gemaldegalerie.de))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paschal\\_Triduum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paschal_Triduum)

Images for Paschal Triduum

### The Three Days or Triduum - Presbyterian Mission Agency

The Three Days or Triduum (Maundy Thursday at sundown through sundown of Easter) are the most solemn of the church year. The whole church's participation is encouraged in this time of great significance for all who would be formed in the Christian faith, especially catechumens. The Great Vigil of Easter was the time set aside for the annual baptism of new Christians, coinciding with the eucharistic dawning of God's reign in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/three-days-or-triduum/>

Images for Three Days or Triduum

### Three Day Feast: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (Worship Matters (Augsburg Fortress) by Gail Ramshaw (Author)

Recent decades have witnessed the revival of the ancient liturgies of the Three Days - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. In this book, Ramshaw gives a little history and a lot of suggestions about how these services can enrich the worship life of your entire assembly.

<http://www.amazon.com/Three-Day-Feast-Thursday-Augsburg-ebook/dp/B0028RYKEA>

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/749/The-Three-Day-Feast-Maundy-Thursday-Good-Friday-and-Easter-Paperback-eBook>

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/productgroup/749/The-Three-Day-Feast-Maundy-Thursday-Good-Friday-and-Easter>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1451408161>

<http://fortresspress.com/author/gail-ramshaw>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/author/gail-ramshaw/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Gail-Ramshaw/e/B001JS8K68>

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Images for Gail Ramshaw (Author)

Images for Three Day Feast: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (Worship Matters (Augsburg Fortress) by Gail Ramshaw

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286313/Worship-Matters>

Images for Worship Matters (Augsburg Fortress)

### Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion on April 2 at 7pm

Come to Maundy Thursday worship as we remember how our Lord broke bread with his disciples and gave the commandment to love one another as we take part in the Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion. At the Lord's table, we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

### Resources

#### Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Maundy Thursday

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

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#### Holy / Maundy Thursday - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/thursday.htm>

Images for Holy / Maundy Thursday - Textweek

#### Last Supper - Wikipedia

The Last Supper is the final meal that, in the [Gospel](#) accounts, [Jesus](#) shared with his [Apostles](#) in [Jerusalem](#) before [his crucifixion](#).<sup>[2]</sup> The Last Supper is commemorated by Christians especially on [Maundy Thursday](#).<sup>[3]</sup> The Last Supper provides the scriptural basis for the [Eucharist](#), also known as "Holy Communion" or "The Lord's Supper".<sup>[4]</sup>



The first Eucharist, depicted by Juan de Juanes, mid-late 16<sup>th</sup> century

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last\\_Supper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last_Supper)

[https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Last\\_Supper](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Supper)

Images for Last Supper

#### Maundy Thursday | Reformed Worship

<https://www.reformedworship.org/subject/maundy-thursday>

Images for Maundy Thursday | Reformed Worship

#### Maundy Thursday Resource Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/maundy-thursday-resource-index.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Maundy Thursday Resource Index](#)

Images for Maundy Thursday Resource Index

#### Maundy Thursday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KocDpZuH9o>

Images for Maundy Thursday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1R9Z9gkOck> Holy Thursday HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgNacJ9Ldos> Maundy Thursday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjogHX4TwQg> Jesus washing feet Maundy Thursday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiomxqKkAkk> Holy Thursday Video with Bible Verses | Maundy Thursday - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Q6Ohf0jVfo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Q6Ohf0jVfo) Holy Thursday - YouTube

Images for Holy Thursday - YouTube

#### The Last Supper: A Maundy Thursday Re-enactment - CommonWord

Maundy Thursday service includes a simple meal/communion, song, and foot washing, all couched within a dramatic script.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/5/6617>

[https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/12976/The\\_Last\\_Supper\\_A\\_Maundy\\_Thursday\\_Re-enactment.pdf](https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/12976/The_Last_Supper_A_Maundy_Thursday_Re-enactment.pdf)

Images for Last Supper: A Maundy Thursday Re-enactment

#### Eight children to receive first communion on Maundy Thursday

First Communion is another of the milestones of the faith journey that begins in baptism. Eight third graders and their parents have been studying "Come to God's Table: Preparing for First Communion" with Pastor Bolstad in preparation to receive first communion. Keep these children and their parents in your prayers as they make yet another milestone in their faith journey!

#### Worship Resources

[PDF] [At What Age Do Congregation Members Receive Their First Communion? – ELCA Resource Repository](#)

First communion can and does happen at many different ages throughout congregations of the ELCA. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacrament, The Use of the Means of Grace, notes that, "There is no command from our Lord regarding the age at which people should be...first communed" (38B). As a result, the age at which baptized members of our congregations receive their first communion reflects a variety of practices and understandings.

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/At\\_what\\_age\\_do\\_congregation\\_members\\_receive\\_communion.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/At_what_age_do_congregation_members_receive_communion.pdf)

Images for At What Age Do Congregation Members Receive Their First Communion? – ELCA Resource Repository

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

#### First Communion Liturgy - Synod Resource Center

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/youth/0003/first\\_communion\\_liturgy.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/youth/0003/first_communion_liturgy.html)

Images for First Communion Liturgy - Synod Resource Center

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/edu/congregation/first\\_communion/](http://synodresourcecenter.org/edu/congregation/first_communion/)

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/>

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<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>

Images for Welcoming People to First Communion





The author with a First Communion class.

### First Communion Preparation Resources

#### Come to God's table: Preparing for Holy Communion [Stanley N. Olson]

This five-session study helps 5th and 6th graders prepare for Holy Communion and teaches them about the love of God and how this meal shared with many brings forgiveness, life, salvation, and hope to those who trust in Jesus' promise and his love.

<http://www.amazon.com/Come-Gods-table-Preparing-Communion/dp/B00072L4NS>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5161/Come-to-God-Table-Preparing-for-Holy-Communion>

Images for Come to God's table: Preparing for Holy Communion [Stanley N. Olson]

#### Eating and Drinking in the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Present a Lutheran understanding of Communion to grades 4-6 and above. Great for use with confirmation and new member classes. 15 minutes.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5422/Eating-and-Drinking-in-the-Word-The-Sacrament-of-Holy-Communion>

<https://www.amazon.com/Eating-Drinking-Word-Sacrament-Communion/dp/0806621494>

Images for Eating and Drinking in the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Fed and Forgiven Resource Kit: Communion Preparation - Augsburg Fortress

The *Fed and Forgiven Resource Kit* contains everything you need to begin using this exciting new family of communion preparation resources. Along with the comprehensive leader guide and DVD, you will get samples of each of the age-specific learner resources for each age. This is the ideal all-in-one resource for first communion preparation as well as continuing formation and education.

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/16431/Fed-and-Forgiven-Resource-Kit>

Images for Fed and Forgiven Resource Kit: Communion Preparation - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286382/Fed-and-Forgiven>

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1E72D0EDFC4768AC](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1E72D0EDFC4768AC) Fed and Forgiven - YouTube

#### Popular Videos - First Communion - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNfKT1FrjPMF\\_aJIROpXOuGQ\\_IrBnL2a](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNfKT1FrjPMF_aJIROpXOuGQ_IrBnL2a)

Images for First Communion - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua8m184ojYM> First Communion - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5C\\_4LISFgc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5C_4LISFgc) Kids Explain First Communion - YouTube

#### The Lutheran Handbook: A Field Guide to Church Stuff, Everyday Stuff, and the Bible [Kristofer Skrade, James Satter]

How to Receive Communion

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<http://www.amazon.com/The-Lutheran-Handbook-Church-Everyday/dp/0806651792>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/535/The-Lutheran-Handbook-A-Field-Guide-to-Church-Stuff-Everyday-Stuff-and-the-Bible>

Images for The Lutheran Handbook: A Field Guide to Church Stuff, Everyday Stuff, and the Bible [Kristofer Skrade, James Satter]

[How to Receive Communion](#)

#### Welcome to the Lord's Table [Margaret Withers]

This book revises and refreshes both the text and the design of Margaret Withers' hugely popular and successful course book, *Welcome to the Lord's Table*, first published in 1999. The course book material covers all the key elements of what it means to be on the Christian journey and helps the child, together with his or her family and the congregation as a whole, to move towards the child's Holy Communion. The material is divided into ten units, with four opportunities to mark the journey with the worshipping community as the course progresses. The course book contains revised information concerning Child Protection



and CRB clearance and has relevant contact information and website addresses. An activity book for the child to own and complete accompanies the course book. This traditional resource for 5th grade children, parents, and leaders is designed to help families and children anticipate and prepare for a child's first communion.

<http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Lords-Table-Margaret-Withers/dp/1841017345>  
<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/250175/Welcome-to-the-Lord-Table>  
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17850764-welcome-to-the-lord-s-table>  
Images for Welcome to the Lord's Table [Margaret Withers]

### Good Friday Ecumenical Service on April 3 at 7pm

Good Friday reminds the faithful of our Lord's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. Gather for this ecumenical service as this congregation hosts it!



Scenes from the Passion of Christ - Wikipedia  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scenes\\_from\\_the\\_Passion\\_of\\_Christ](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scenes_from_the_Passion_of_Christ)  
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Images for hans memling - crucifixion

### Resources

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Good Friday Resource Index: re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/good-friday-resource-index.html>  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Good Friday Resource Index](#)  
Images for Good Friday Resource Index: re:Worship

Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness (Tenebrae)

This service is designed for congregations that celebrate Tenebrae yet would like to move toward the Good Friday liturgy as presented in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Pew Edition, pp. 262-265; Leaders Edition, pp. 634-642).

[http://members.sundaysandseasons.com/planner\\_resources\\_view.php?atom\\_id=15339](http://members.sundaysandseasons.com/planner_resources_view.php?atom_id=15339)  
Images for Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness (Tenebrae)

Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness

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Images for Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness

Good Friday Short Version Movie - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGU9K1g1mlk>

Images for Good Friday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3DLoA0mgIq> The History of Good Friday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzxXvEt9DQ> What's So Good About Good Friday? - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-blALAEijZI> Good Friday - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-nFqG-Aa8g> The Meaning of Good Friday - YouTube

Good Friday - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/friday.htm>

Images for Good Friday - Textweek

Passion narrative, according to John - Oremus

<http://oremus.org/liturgy/lhwe/john.html>

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### Presbyterian Mission Agency Good Friday | The Christian Year

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday/>

Images for Presbyterian Mission Agency Good Friday | The Christian Year

### Sayings of Jesus on the cross - Wikipedia

The Sayings of Jesus on the cross (also called the Seven Last Words from the Cross) are seven expressions traditionally attributed to [Jesus](#) during his [crucifixion](#), gathered from the four [Canonical Gospels](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> Three of the sayings appear only in the [Gospel of Luke](#) and three only in the [Gospel of John](#). The other saying appears both in the [Gospel of Mark](#) and the [Gospel of Matthew](#).<sup>[3]</sup> In Mark and Matthew, Jesus cries out to God. In Luke, he forgives his killers, reassures the good thief, and commends his spirit to the Father. In John, he speaks to his mother, says he thirsts, and declares the end of his earthly life.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayings\\_of\\_Jesus\\_on\\_the\\_cross](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayings_of_Jesus_on_the_cross)

Images for Sayings of Jesus on the cross

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<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>

<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>

Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Good Friday

### The Seven Last Words of Christ: Reflections for Holy Week

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/series/the-seven-last-words-of-christ-reflections-for-holy-week/>

Images for The Seven Last Words of Christ: Reflections for Holy Week

### Why Was Jesus Crucified? | Armstrong Economics

Jesus' crime was really **sedition** and not blasphemy.

<https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/why-was-jesus-crucified/>

Images for Jesus' crime sedition and not blasphemy

A large congregation I served offered a Good Friday Service Noon-3pm and a Tenebrae Service at 7pm.

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Three Hour Good Friday Service

#### Noon-12:30 THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Hymn Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Prayer

Anthem The Power of Your Love – Bullock and Holstein

Psalms 51:1-13

Solo Were You There

Scripture Mark 15:6-15

Hymn Jesus in Thy Dying Woes Part I

Homily

Hymn Where Charity and Love Prevail

ORGAN INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION

#### 12:30-1:00 THE SECOND WORD

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Prayer

Solo Gimme a Little Time to Pray (Spiritual)

Psalms 51:11-15

Anthem Give Me Jesus – arr. L. L. Fleming

Scripture Luke 23:39-43

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part II

Homily

Hymn What Wondrous Love Is This

ORGAN INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION

1:00-1:30 THE THIRD WORD

"Woman, behold your Son! Behold your mother."

Hymn Ah, Holy Jesus

Prayer

Solo Lamb of God - Ray

Psalm 119:97-104

Anthem God So Loved the World - Stainer

Scripture John 19:25-27

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part III

Homily

Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ORGAN INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION

1:30-2:00 THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Prayer

Solo Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit (Spiritual)

Psalm 22:1-8

Anthem My Dying Lord – Parker, Lantz

Scripture Mark 15:33-39

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part IV

Homily

Hymn Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

ORGAN INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION

2:00-2:30 THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst."

Hymn O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Prayer

Organ-Piano Duet O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – arr. Hayes

Psalm 22:14-18

Anthem Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled - Burroughs

Scripture John 19:28-29

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part V

Homily

Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ORGAN INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION

2:30-3:00 THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH WORDS

"It is finished."

"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer

Handbell Duet Ah, Holy Jesus - Calkins

Psalm 31:1-5

Anthem Easter Victory - Hopson

Scripture John 19:30, Luke 23:44-49

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part VI

Homily

Hymn Jesus, in thy Dying Woes Part VII

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Mark 15:42-47

Depart in silence.

## GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Prelude	Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior – arr. D. N. Johnson
Hymn	Abide with Me
Invocation	
Scripture	Luke 23:32-46
Message	
Hymn	Go to Dark Gethsemane
Offering	
Offertory	Eucharistia: (meditation on a plainsong Kyrie) - G. Winston Cassler
Offering Prayer	

### Service of Darkness

During this Tenebrae (darkness) service, seven passages from scripture representing major references to darkness are read, followed by a meditation on each. As each "word" is punctuated by a strike of a cymbal, acolytes extinguish candles, the chancel is divested of its holy articles, and the sanctuary lights lowered. The extinguished candles represent the disciples as they deserted Jesus. The totally dark church at the end of the service represents the scripture, which says that at the death of Jesus "darkness covered the earth." The church now awaits the re-lighting at Easter Sunrise.

### Liturgy of Darkness

#### Sin

Genesis 1:1-5a

"The earth was without form and void, and DARKNESS was upon the face of the deep."

#### Confession

Exodus 10:1, 21-23

"There was thick DARKNESS in all the land."

#### Dejection

Psalms 129:7-12

"Let only DARKNESS cover me, and the light about me be night."

#### Judgment

Amos 5:18-20

"Is not the day of the Lord DARKNESS."

#### Hatred

1 John 2:8-11

"He who hates his brother is in the DARKNESS."

#### Enemies

Ephesians 6:10-12a

"For we are contending... against the world rulers of this present DARKNESS."

#### Darkest Hour

Luke 23:44-46

"There was DARKNESS over the whole land."

*There is a drum roll and cymbals are loudly crashed, symbolic of the earthquake at the death of the Son of God. Sharply closed books are added to the harsh sound.*

Scripture Matthew 27:57-60

The Christ candle is carried from the sanctuary.

The entire church is now shrouded in total darkness.

*The pastors depart in silence. Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation and then are asked to depart in silence.*