

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 service of 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 Rally Day treats
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
	11	October Worship Fest-Polka Service	Blessing of Quilts
	18	St. Luke, Evangelist - Service of Healing and Thanksgiving for Healing	animal treats
	25	Reformation Day	brats and root beer
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

Easter Vigil

Resources

Best 25+ Easter vigil ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/easter-vigil/>

Images for easter vigil pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/easter-vigil-mass/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/vinsensiaretno/the-great-vigil-of-easter/>

Catholic - Easter Vigil - YouTube

Short Explanation of the Events of the Easter Vigil

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO5romstsQY>

Images for Easter Vigil - YouTube

Easter Vigil - Textweek

http://www.textweek.com/festivals/easter_vigil.htm

Images for Easter Vigil - Textweek

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Vigil of Easter

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

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress Vigil of Easter

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Resurrection of Our Lord - Vigil of Easter

Year A - Pages 145, 153 Year B - Pages 133, 143 Year C - Pages 148, 156

<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>

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Valley of the Dry Bones

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Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

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<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18573/Sundays-and-Seasons-Year-B-2015?c=257594>

Synod Resource Center - Worship

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma> **Worship** **Easter** **Vigil of Easter** **A Great Easter Vigil**

Images for Synod Resource Center - Worship Easter Vigil of Easter A Great Easter Vigil

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on April 5

Easter Sunrise at 6:30am. Festival Worship at 9am.

On this day, the Lord has acted! Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. Be sure to bring family and relatives for the sunrise service or for the festival worship. Plan to partake in the Easter Brunch between services. Filled with hope we go forth to share the good news Christ is risen!

From the Pastor

New Life in Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Easter season speaks of the new life in Christ. Christ is proclaimed to be risen from the dead and at work through the Holy Spirit to make all things new. Death, the last enemy, has been conquered. Those living in faith can live without fear. The old is passing away.

The new has come. All of creation is being made new.

In what ways is the Spirit of the Risen Christ at work in your life to make all things new? What is being changed to bring about more faith, hope, and love? How are you living more fully in the covenant God has established with you in Holy Baptism? In what ways will you be living more effectively as a fellow worker in God's good and gracious rule?

As we continue during this interim period, we ask God to make present the power of the risen Christ to guide and lead us. In the meantime, you are invited to be faithful in the gathering of the assembly for worship.

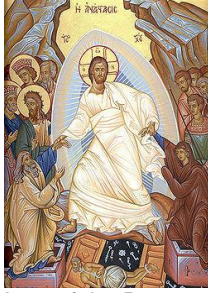
- Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion on April 2 at 7pm
- Good Friday Ecumenical Worship on April 3 at 7pm
- Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord on April 5
- Hands of Risen Christ Sunday on April 12
- Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church on Sunday, April 19
- Stewardship of Creation on Sunday, April 26

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Easter - Wikipedia

Easter,^[nb 1] also called Pascha ([Greek](#), [Latin](#))^[nb 2] or Resurrection Sunday,^{[3][4]} is a [festival](#) and [holiday](#) celebrating the [resurrection of Jesus](#) from the dead, described in the [New Testament](#) as having occurred on the third day of his burial after [his crucifixion](#) by the Romans at [Calvary](#) c. 30 AD.^{[5][6]} It is the culmination of the [Passion of Jesus](#), preceded by [Lent](#) (or [Great Lent](#)), a forty-day period of [fasting](#), prayer, and [penance](#).



Icon of the Resurrection, with Christ having kicked down the gates of Hades and pulling Adam and Eve out of the tombs. Christ is flanked by saints, and Satan, depicted as an old man, is bound and chained.

(See Resurrection of Jesus in Christian art.)

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

Images for Resurrection of Jesus

Easter Day

Resources

Contemporary Drama Service catalog of Easter plays, Lent plays

<https://www.contemporarydrama.com/Catalog.aspx?cat=92>

Images for Easter plays

<http://www.contemporarydrama.com/Catalog.aspx?cat=81> Contemporary Drama Service catalog of children's Easter plays

Images for children's Easter plays

<http://www.contemporarydrama.com/Catalog.aspx?cat=97> Contemporary Drama Service catalog of children's Easter musicals

Images for children's Easter musicals

Easter : Creative Communications - Protestant

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA!CPEST/Easter.aspx>

Images for Easter : Creative Communications - Protestant

Easter - Textweek

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

Images for Easter - Textweek

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

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

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

Easter Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

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

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

Images for Easter Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

112 best worship: easter images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/cutnpasteclergy/worship-easter/>

Images for easter worship on pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/jbear1958/easter/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/sfpresby/easter/>

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

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Year B - Page 148

Year C - Page 160

<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 Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

Easter Season

Resources

7 Ways to Make Easter Last Longer - Margaret Marcuson

No, I don't mean more work for church professionals! But Easter is one time when the church knows how to celebrate. We could use more of that. Here are seven suggestions for extending Easter by developing the spiritual practice of celebrating.
<http://margaretmarcuson.com/7-ways-to-make-easter-last-longer/#.YINWPiVhBc>
Images for Ways to Make Easter Last Longer - Margaret Marcuson

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Easter

Year A - Page 181

Year B - Page 155

Year C - Page 167

<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 Easter

Holy Humor Sunday (Bright Sunday)

Second Sunday of Easter

Resources

Holy Humor Sunday Resource Index - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/holy-humor-sunday-resource-index.html>

Images for Holy Humor Sunday Resource Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/03/laughter-sunday.html>

Holy Humor Sunday - The Joyful Noiseletter

The Joyful Noiseletter is celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2015. In gratitude for the gift of *JN* and the wonderful people who have contributed so much wit and good humor to our publication through the years, we are providing on our web site a bonanza of ideas and materials that churches can use to celebrate Holy Humor Sunday (Bright Sunday) on the Sunday after Easter.

<http://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/hhsunday.asp>

https://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/holy_humor.asp

Images for Holy Humor Sunday - The Joyful Noiseletter

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/holy-humor-sunday-bright-sunday>

<http://aprillfiet.com/my-thoughts/laughing-church-holy-humor-sunday-resources>

Images for laughing in church

<http://universityumc.com/rev-dianes-blog/2016/3/30/holy-humor-sunday>

Humor - Make It Clear Ministries

I hope that you will enjoy this religious humor page on my web site.

<http://makeitclearnow.org/re humor.html>

Images for Humor - Make It Clear Ministries

Humor – Word and World – Winter, 1997 – Luther Seminary

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1597 Whirred and Whirled. Frederick J. Gaiser

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1598 "Everyone who hears will laugh with me": Human and

Telling God's Truth. Rolf A. Jacobson, Karl N. Jacobson

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1603 God's Laughter: A Theological Reading of Woody Allen and

Anne Sexton. Elizabeth Palmer

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1599 Humor in the Bible. Michael Rogness

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1606 Is This Place Stuffy, Or Is It Just Me? John S. Morreall

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1604 Karl Barth: Comic Warrior. Jessica DeCou

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1602 Laughter on the Journey. Howard R. Macy

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1600 Leave Them Wanting More: Humor in Preaching. Mary

Hinkle Shore

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1601 Martin Luther's Humor. Eric W. Gritsch

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1605 Redeeming *Life of Brian*: How Monty Python (Ironically)

Proclaims Christ *Sub Contrario* Hans H. Wiersma

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1609 Humor in Preaching: Life Touched by Grace Ruthanna B.

Hooke

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1608 Humor in Preaching: Who Needs Jokes? Christopher C.

Smith

Issues - Word & World - Luther Seminary

<https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx> Humor. Vol. 32, No 2, Spring, 2012

<https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?m=4025>

Images for Humor – Word and World – Luther Seminary

Peace Be with You-Holy Humor Sunday - Sermon Central

Summary: For a second year in a row, our church has celebrated Holy Humor Sunday. This sermon on Thomas, and Jesus' statement, "Peace, be with you!" tries to bring some sense of "holy humor" into an otherwise less than humorous world.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/peace-be-with-you-holy-humor-sunday-greg-buchner-sermon-on-easter-resurrection-57592.asp>

Images for Peace Be with You-Holy Humor Sunday - Sermon Central

17 Best images about Holy Humour Sunday on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/janlouise/holy-humour-sunday/>

Images for Holy Humour Sunday on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/revkathynice/holy-humor-sunday/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/debbiederf/holy-humor-sunday/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/revjoelle/lutheran-stuff/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/jtaylor333/you-might-be-a-lutheran-if/>

Two parts faith, one part humor: Do the two mix? - The Lutheran Magazine

Perhaps you grew up as I did: taught implicitly, if not explicitly, that laughter and humor had no place in church—and by extension, no connection to faith. Thankfully I had a father whose faith and sense of humor were both important to him. They saw him through many difficult life experiences, including 11 years of cancer. Even in his final days in hospice, Dad set the tone for laughter and prayer to co-exist.

Even so, I think Dad also learned that laughter had no place in church. But as he aged, humor filtered through all parts of his life. He couldn't contain it. I'm glad he didn't.

I'm experiencing that, too, as I age. I don't want to keep laughter and joy segmented into one area of my life called "humor." I now see my sense of humor and my faith as connected. Actually, I see all of life as connected. The aging process is teaching me the importance of synthesis and bringing together into a whole all the parts of my life—the sacred, the profane and everything in between.

I can be quite serious when it comes to world events, injustice toward people who are devalued and marginalized, hurt and pain in people's lives, and sad events in the lives of those I love. I also take my calling as a child of God seriously. But we can learn to lighten up in our approach to life. At least that's the path I'm striving for at this stage of life.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=6400

Images for Two parts faith, one part humor: Do the two mix? - The Lutheran Magazine

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

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

[Holy Humor Sunday is normally observed the 2nd Sunday of Easter, but I like to use it in conjunction with Sundays that employ texts from Genesis 17-18, which records how both Abraham and Sarah laughed at the promise of a son in their old age.]

The Sign of the Covenant

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown; he **laughed** and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

¹⁹ Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.^[a] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.

Footnotes:

a. [Genesis 17:19](#) Isaac means *he laughs*.

Genesis 17:15-20 NIV

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17%3A15-20&version=NIV>

2 Lent B

Images for Isaac means he laughs

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah **laughed** to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'

¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

oremus Bible Browser: Genesis 18:9-15

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=Genesis+18%3A9-15&version=nrsv>

4 Pentecost A

[Images for sarah laughed in the bible](#)

Hands of Risen Christ Sunday on April 12

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his **hands** and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (John 20:19-20)

The worship on the 2nd Sunday of Easter will focus on the hands of the risen Christ. Put your hands in the hands of the one who died and was raised for you!

The Hands of Jesus

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his **hands** and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin⁻), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his **hands** and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my **hand** in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my **hands**. Reach out your **hand** and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe⁻ that Jesus is the Messiah,⁻ the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

oremus Bible Browser: john 20:19-31

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=john+20%3A19-31>

[Images for Hands of Jesus](#)

Gathering Song

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Blessing of Hands

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A Hand Blessing

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<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 A Hand Blessing](#)

Hymn of the Day The Risen Christ

[Alternate Tune: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name]

Sending Song

Put Your Hand in the Hand

Resources

God's work. Our hands. - The Lutheran Magazine

What four words would you use to describe the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)? We live in a culture where we will miss the opportunity to tell our story if we do not creatively and consistently "brand" ourselves. The purpose and challenge of the [ELCA](#)'s tag line "God's work, our hands" is not to replace Scripture and the confessions, the constitutional statement of purpose or churchwide mission statement—but to open a door to conversation that gives you the opportunity to witness to your faith and tell the story of how you live in service for the life of the world.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=7457&key=55606847

[Images for God's work. Our hands. - The Lutheran Magazine](#)

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

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

Hands of Jesus! - Sermon Central

He holds our hands. His hands are spoken of often in the Word. In this outline we are sharing the message of His hands and how we in turn are extension of Him.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/hands-of-jesus-tony-abram-sermon-on-jesus-life-129603.asp>

Images for sermons on hands of Jesus

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/the-hands-of-jesus-kenneth-trent-sermon-on-miracles-of-jesus-102758.asp>

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/the-hands-of-jesus-larry-jacobs-sermon-on-humanity-of-christ-91318.asp>

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/sermons-about-hands/?keyword=Hands&ref=TopSermons>

<https://sermons.faithlife.com/sermons/96827-the-nail-scarred-hands>

<http://hollowayrev.wordpress.com/2011/05/01/sermon-see-my-hands/> Sermon: See my hands - hollowayrev - WordPress.com

Images for see my hands

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4151> Open Your Hands by Center for Stewardship Leaders

<http://preachinghelp.org/sermons/hands.pdf> The Hands of Jesus - PreachingHelp.org

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" by Laurie London - YouTube

Here is the great song by Laurie London! The song was produced by George Martin years before he started producing The Beatles songs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12CmOw5MY0E>

Images for "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" - YouTube

Johnny Cash - When He Reached Down His Hand for Me - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khp-BSh_kE4

<http://www.classic-country-song-lyrics.com/whenhereacheddownhishandformelyricschords.html>

Images for when he reached down his hand for me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fyua3hL3Ag> Put your hand in the hand - Johnny Cash - YouTube

http://www.lyricsfreak.com/d/donny+hathaway/put+your+hand+in+the+hand_20778477.html

Images for Put your hand in the hand

Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church on April 19

On April 19, a *Litany of Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church* will be included in the service of worship. By the will of God our workers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us. We thank God for them.

[I previously commemorated **National Volunteer Week** until reading Adam Copeland's article "No More 'Volunteers' at Church." Now I speak of Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church.]

No more "volunteers" at church | The Christian Century

Now I'm all for businesses giving their employees time off for volunteering. I'm all for helping people. I'm all for paying it forward. **But I don't think "volunteer" is the right word to use when Christian communities worship together.**

Rather than merely volunteering, it sounded like we were actually being asked to take up a particular *call to discipleship*. Because of our faith, we were being asked to respond to the claims Jesus makes on our lives by living as his disciples today.

<http://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2015-03/no-more-volunteers-church>

Images for Christian communities worship together

<https://www.christiancentury.org/magazine>

<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2015/03/16/no-more-volunteers-at-church/>

<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2014/10/23/working-too-much-for-the-earths-own-good/>

Gathering Song	The Day of Resurrection
Hymn of the Day	Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Sending Song	We All Are One in Mission

Litany	Litany of Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church http://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccChs/Voluntrs.html Images for Litany of Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church
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Jesus and Peter

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' 16 A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' 17 He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

oremus Bible Browser: John 21:15-19

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=John+21:15-19>

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Images for 'Feed my lambs'

Images for 'Tend my sheep'

Commissioned Yet Again by David Lose - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

Again, I think there is an important connection between this scene and our life of faith. We are **commissioned at Baptism to share in the work and ministry of our Lord**. And yet we often fall short, failing to give witness in word or deed to our faith in the living Lord. And yet Jesus doesn't just commission us, Jesus also forgives us when we fall short. And Jesus doesn't just forgive us but calls us to try again. And Jesus doesn't just call us to try again, Jesus also invites us to share what we have and gives us meaningful work to do.

http://www.workingpreacher.org/dear_wp.aspx?article_id=682

Images for commissioned at Baptism to share in the work and ministry of our Lord

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=3135> Present-tense Salvation by David Lose - Craft of Preaching

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1617> Divine Relationship by David Lose - Craft of Preaching

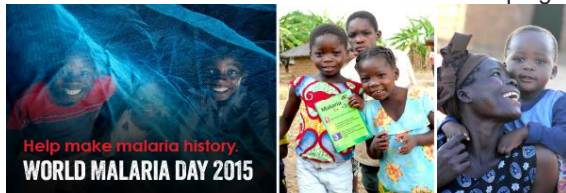
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=2987> Baptismal Problems and Promises by David Lose

World Malaria Day

Resources

ELCA Malaria Campaign - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA Malaria Campaign has a variety of resources to help you tell the story of the work being done in 13 countries throughout Africa. All of the resources are available for free either by downloading or by ordering from our e-store. From posters to crafts, bulletin inserts to videos and much more, you will find everything you need to spread the word and raise awareness on behalf of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.



<http://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign>

Images for ELCA Malaria Campaign

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/MC_%20bulletin-](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/MC_%20bulletin-insert_091515.pdf?_ga=1.150705266.537152160.1467910353)

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http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_Malaria_ThankYouPoster.pdf?_ga=1.147600627.537152160.1467910353

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Seeds_Spring_2014.pdf Page 6

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93mARvHvm_c ELCA Malaria Campaign: We Can't Do it On Our Own - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f96KelxD608> ELCA Malaria Campaign short version - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZZEU-jHapw> Malaria – Campaign for the ELCA – YouTube

Images for Malaria – Campaign for the ELCA - YouTube

<https://www.pinterest.com/gulfcoastsynod/malaria-campaign/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/NEIASynod/malaria-campaign/>

Malaria Campaign Reaches Goal – Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

\$301,181.50 = many lives saved, and many others healed from the scourge of Malaria. It also means that the NW Synod of Wisconsin has achieved its fundraising goal as part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Thank you for your fundraisers, penny wars, special offerings and advocacy that made this possible. As a synod, we are blessed by many saints who rolled up their sleeves to battle this disease that still claims one person per minute. Most who succumb are under the age of five. For the remainder of 2015, as a synod we will continue to raise awareness and funds to alleviate suffering and grief. In 2016, the focus of the campaign will switch to hunger as malnourishment is often a factor for those who cannot survive the disease of Malaria.

http://www.nwswi.org/news_and_events/news.phtml?id=609622EF

Images for Malaria Campaign Reaches Goal

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7758> ELCA Malaria Campaign reaches \$14.5 million toward \$15 million goal

16 best World Malaria Day images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/compassion/world-malaria-day/>

Images for World Malaria Day pinterest
<https://www.pinterest.com/childfund/world-malaria-day/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/healthshare/world-malaria-day/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/visualoop/malaria-infographics/>

Walk to Emmaus - Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Gathering Song	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Hymn of the Day	Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Sending Song	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Resources

A Road to Emmaus - Luke 24 - The story through art images - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujoVIRg57Gs>
Images for Road to Emmaus - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3L9eXMeV1A> The Road to Emmaus - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07GCSW1CQUg> Road to Emmaus - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YIzWPPiH4A> Christ Appears on the Road to Emmaus - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmmTWQn95xQ> The appearance of Christ on the road to Emmaus - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAUGRNhSwKw> On the road to Emmaus – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikY5NfrUSV4> 'On The Road to Emmaus' - The Steeles. - YouTube

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Walking together
for the sake of mission in God's world

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are comprised of 199 congregations, over 93,000 members, and over 300 clergy and rostered leaders.

Synod means walking together, which describes our interdependent ministry relationship as we support mission partners, carry out synodical and churchwide initiatives, provide for education events and leadership training, respond to disaster and emergency needs, and heed the call to be a church engaged in all the world. [Learn more about our synod.](#)

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

Images for synod walking together for the sake of mission in God's world

Road to Emmaus appearance - Wikipedia

The Road to Emmaus appearance is one of the early [resurrection appearances of Jesus](#) after [his crucifixion](#) and the discovery of the [empty tomb](#).^{[1][2][3]} Both the *Meeting on the road to Emmaus* and the subsequent Supper at Emmaus, depicting the meal that [Jesus](#) had with two disciples after the encounter on the road, have been popular subjects in art.



Robert Zünd, 1877

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_to_Emmaus_appearance#/media/File:Z%C3%BCnd_Gang_nach_Emmaus_1877.jpg

Images for Road to Emmaus appearance

The Music of Accompaniment

Our gifts and ministries shine brighter through accompaniment. Sometimes one side takes the lead; sometimes the other side does. But it doesn't matter who takes the lead, for everything is made better through accompaniment. We need each other to offer God and the world the best we can give. Accompaniment shows us that we aren't alone and that we are part of something far greater than our own self.

View current issue. - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin January 22, 2014

<http://www.nswi.org/webfiles/fnitools/documents/5h-0314-web2.pdf>

Images for part of something far greater than our own self

[PDF]Walking Together in Solidarity: A Theology of Accompaniment

This companion study guide and related resources connects the seven faith practices of Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve and Give to the Practice Discipleship webinar session, "Walking Together in Solidarity: A Theology of Accompaniment." To view the original webinar and for more information on Practice Discipleship, visit

www.practicediscipleship.org

<http://www.elcaymnet.org/Resources/Documents/Practice%20Discipleship/PD2%20Docs/Rachel%20Supplements/Theology%20of%20Accompaniment.pdf>

Images for Walking Together in Solidarity: A Theology of Accompaniment

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Accompaniment_\(full\).pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Accompaniment_(full).pdf)

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Come to the service of worship on Good Shepherd Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The name derives from the gospel reading on this day taken from John 10 in which Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. The psalm for the day will be Psalm 23, otherwise known as the Good Shepherd Psalm. One of the stain glass windows in our church portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Jesus gives the promise: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

Gathering Song	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Song of Praise	At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Children's Choir	I Just Wanna Be a Sheep

OFFICIAL WEBSITE THE BUTTERFLYSONG, If I Were a Butterfly

<http://www.butterflysong.com/index.cfm?pageID=32>

Hymn of the Day	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Offering Song	Hymn to the Good Shepherd: John 10

Hymn to the Good Shepherd: John 10 - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/hymn-to-good-shepherd-john-10.html>

Sending Song	The Lord's My Shepherd
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Resources

Affirmation: Jesus, the Shepherd - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2012/04/affirmation-jesus-shepherd.html>

Images for Affirmation: Jesus, the Shepherd – re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2012/04/benediction-for-easter-4.html>

http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/commission-benediction-proper-29a_07.html

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-psalm-23.html>

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/opening-litany-psalm-23.html>

Best 25+ The good shepherd ideas on Pinterest

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

Images for good shepherd on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/normacook/lost-sheep-and-good-shepherd/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/mom2aprince/good-shepherd/>

I Know My Own: A Service for Good Shepherd Sunday - Creative Communications

I Know My Own: A Service for Good Shepherd Sunday is a complete order of service for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Based on Psalm 23, this worship service reminds us that we are restored, taught, fed, and sheltered by Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Among the hymns included in the service are "The Lord's My Shepherd," "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb," and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." The service also includes Bible readings, a sermon, a children's message, and prayers.

[PDF] I Know My Own - Creative Communications

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/GSA/i-know-my-own-pr-bulletin.aspx>

Images for I Know My Own: A Service for Good Shepherd Sunday - Creative Communications

https://www.creativecommunications.com/Content/Site174/FilesSamples/156093pdf_00000079191.pdf

Stewardship of Creation to be focus on April 26

The stewardship of creation will be the special emphasis on the Sunday following Earth Day, April 22. People of faith join with people of good will to seek the stewardship of creation.

Gathering Song	This Is My Father's World
Hymn of the Day	For the Beauty of the Earth
Sending Song	Let the Whole Creation Cry

Litany for Stewardship of Creation

[Petitions from "Stewardship" and "Creation" in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: Stewardship of natural resources, Agriculture, Thanks for the harvest, Creation and new creation, Creation's praise]

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

Stewardship – Prayers Creation – Prayers

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<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>
[Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress Stewardship – Prayers Creation – Prayers](#)

Resources

A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology [Benjamin M. Stewart]

This book begins with the classic, ecumenically held patterns of Christian worship and explores them for their deep connections to ecological wisdom, for their sacramental approaches to creation, and for a renewed relationship to the earth now itself in need of God's healing. The Worship Matters Studies Series examines key worship issues through studies by pastors, musicians, and laypeople from throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Features include the following: 1) Informal and insightful writing for all readers; 2) Study questions at the end of every chapter; 3) Examination of vital issues in weekly worship; and 4) Increased ability of leaders and congregants to understand and experience worship more richly.

<http://www.amazon.com/Watered-Garden-Christian-Worship-Ecology/dp/0806653930>
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13106875-a-watered-garden>
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<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/674/A-Watered-Garden-Christian-Worship-and-Earth-Ecology>
https://books.google.com/books/about/A_Watered_Garden.html?id=Yp1VH4BFBj0C
<http://www.seeingcreation.com/tag/benjamin-m-stewart/>
<http://www.lstc.edu/academics/faculty/benjamin-stewart>

Images for Benjamin M. Stewart, author

Images for Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology [Benjamin M. Stewart]

Bishop's blessings: Rural Life Days a time to pray for a fruitful, safe farming season

The Rural Life Days' Mass was designed to recognize the hard work, dedication and stewardship of those who care for the land and to pray for a fruitful and safe farming season.

Bishop's blessings - The Country Today

<http://www.thecountrytoday.com/front-page/2018/04/02/div-class-libPageBodyLinebreak-Bishop-s-blessings-div.print>

Images for Bishop's blessings: Rural Life Days a time to pray for a fruitful, safe farming season

<https://www.thecompassnews.org/2018/03/rural-life-days-speaker-says-wisconsin-farmers-passion-work/>

<http://fox11online.com/news/local/farmers-attend-rural-life-days>

Images for farmers-attend-rural-life-days

Creation Justice Ministries - Home

We work in cooperation with national bodies of Protestant denominations, Orthodox communions, regional faith groups, and congregants to protect and restore God's Creation. Eco-justice includes all ministries designed to heal and defend creation, working to assure justice for all of creation and the human beings who live in it. A major task of the Working Group is to provide program ideas and resources to help congregations as they engage in eco-justice.

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

Images for Creation Justice Ministries

<https://www.slideshare.net/Z8Y/a3c26>

<https://www.slideshare.net/Z8Y/m3o37>

Images for Life-Giving Breath of God: Protecting the Sacred Gift of Air

<http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-2015---sustainable-food-in-a-changing-climate.html>

Images for Sustainable Food in a Changing Climate

<https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/52/17571> Earth Day Annual Worship Resources: Creation Justice Ministries

Images for Earth Day Annual Worship Resources

<https://www.earthday.org/earthday/countdown-to-2020/>

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/global-partners-plans-underway-for-50th-anniversary-of-earth-day-300633538.html>

Images for 50th-anniversary-of-earth-day

Dakota Road Music - Songbooks & Liturgies

<http://www.dakotaroadmusic.com/songbooks-liturgies> A Liturgy for Earthkeeping

Images for Liturgy for Earthkeeping

[PDF]Garden Blessing Service - Web of Creation

www.webofcreation.org/Worship/services/trinity%20WorshipPlan.pdf

Images for Garden Blessing Service - Web of Creation

Good Friday and Earth Day - Adam J. Copeland

Today, for the first time ever, Earth Day falls on Good Friday. So, you can stop by [Starbucks](#) or [Caribou Coffee](#) with your travel mug and get a free cup of coffee on the way to Good Friday services. What a country!

I wondered, however, if any Christians were working on the connection between the two celebrations, and here's a quick smattering of what I've found.

<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2011/04/22/good-friday-and-earth-day/>

<https://www.adamjcopeland.com/category/environment/>

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-adam-j-copeland/revelation-21-1-6-earth-day-god-and-the-apocalypse_b_3148811.html
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<https://hnp.org/communications/spiritual-resources/reflections-friars-earth-day/good-friday-earth-day-coincidence/>
<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Good-Friday-Earth-Day-Reflection-LIND-notes1.pdf>
<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/Good-Friday-Earth-Day1.pdf>
<http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/04/22/my-take-are-earth-day-and-good-friday-an-unholy-alliance/comment-page-1/>
<https://www.pnwumc.org/news/good-friday-for-gods-creation-connecting-holy-week-with-earth-day-resources-included/>

Leading into the World (Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations) by Paul Galbreath (Author)

The call to **care for creation** is a central part of our discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ. However, language and imagery of the earth is often absent in our worship services. This book helps reconnect our commitment to creation care with our life of discipleship. The process includes helping congregational members name ways that they are involved in caring for creation and encouraging them to see ways that these practices are related to Christian faith, and in doing so, nurturing the life of our communities while fostering our identity as those who care for the earth.

Central to the process of reconnecting holy discipleship with earth stewardship is the development and rediscovery of biblical imagery and language that will support our care of creation and shape our prayers. As our actions are more closely connected to the language of our prayers, praying and acting will inform and enrich each other. This book also includes custom liturgies that highlight earth care, prayerfully prepared for the major festivals of the church year.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Leading-into-World-Paul-Galbreath/dp/1566997194>
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<https://www.amazon.com/Paul-Galbreath/e/B001JRX4GA>
http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2917386.Paul_Galbreath

Images for Paul Galbreath (Author)

Images for Leading into the World by Paul Galbreath

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<https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/RL/RL3VWO/Vital-Worship-Healthy-Congregations>
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Presbyterian Mission Agency Earth Day Sunday | Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year, and Presbyterian churches are urged to celebrate Earth Day Sunday near this date or to use the resource for any other worship with a theme of Environmental Justice.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday/>
 Images for Presbyterian Mission Agency Earth Day Sunday | Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns

Restoring creation with faith - Living Lutheran

Hope, love, commitment and communal responsibility echo throughout their lives and work and are woven into all they say and do. Hope for the planet; love for God, neighbor and all of creation; commitment to reducing energy use and fossil fuel consumption; and responsibility for each other and the earth.

The six people, one faith-based environmental organization and two congregations on these pages are working daily to care for creation. They have different concerns: some focus on local projects that build community; others fight shale gas hydro-fracturing and the Keystone Pipeline; while still others teach, write and train others into action.

But the driving force behind all their work is an activism that has been shaped by faith.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/04/restoring-creation-faith/>
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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life: Worship Spaces as Stewardship - CommonWord

In response to the blessings that God bestows, we are called to be like the faithful steward Jesus describes in Luke 12: 42-44, caring for who and what God loves and working to further the kingdom of God. For, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted; even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48).

This is true for our houses of worship. Even as we are blessed as communities of faith with gathering places for our worship and ministry, we have responsibilities to be good stewards of these sacred spaces.

https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/22630/2010_earth_day.pdf?t=1
 Images for Worship Spaces as Stewardship

Sundays and Seasons: Preaching, Year A 2017 | Augsburg Fortress

Blessing of Fields and Gardens

<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22085/Sundays-and-Seasons-Preaching-Year-A-2017>

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Images for Blessing of Fields and Gardens

<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons> Page 195

Tending the Garden: Stewardship of Biodiversity and Endangered Species

This education and worship resource examines issues of biodiversity and provides suggestions to help preserve and promote biodiversity and protect the endangered species under our care.

<http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/downloads/TendingtheGarden.pdf>

Images for Stewardship of Biodiversity and Endangered Species

<http://nccecojustice.org/earthday/LearnMore.php>

Images for Eco-Justice as Community

<http://nccecojustice.org/network/downloads/Our%20Daily%20Bread.pdf>

Images for Gardeners of Eden

<http://nccecojustice.org/energy/EthicsofEnergy2012.php>

Images for Ethics of Energy

<http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/forms/download.html>

Images for Climate and Poverty

The Green Psalter: Resources for an Ecological Spirituality [Arthur Walker-Jones]

Concern for the earth and biblical faith have had an uneasy relationship: ecological theologians have often cited biblical themes of dominion or “mastery” over the land as contributing to our present environmental crisis. Walker-Jones explores Psalm genres and important metaphors in the Psalms for earth, the environment, and living things, while tracing their influence in contemporary culture, for example in recent films. He shows that the Psalms, like the earth that is our home — can be dangerous but also provide wonderful resources for life.

Like a Tree Planted: Wisdom and Torah Psalms

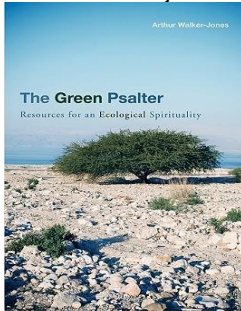
2. God, My Rock: Individual Laments

3. Making Peace with Leviathan: Community Laments

4. Creation and Its Importance

5. Hymns and Liberation

6. Let Earth Rejoice: Eco-justice in Hymns



<http://www.amazon.com/The-Green-Psalter-Ecological-Spirituality/dp/0800663020>

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7264463-the-green-psalter>

<http://store.fortresspress.com/store/product/3901/The-Green-Psalter-Resources-for-an-Ecological-Spirituality?c=203327>

<http://englewoodreview.org/ultra-brief-reviews-vol-2-33/>

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theology/arthur-walker-jones.html>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/729028.Arthur_Walker_Jones

Images for Arthur Walker-Jones, author the green psalter

Images for The Green Psalter: Resources for an Ecological Spirituality [Arthur Walker-Jones]

Worship | Lutherans Restoring Creation

<http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/pastors/devotional-life>

Images for Worship | Lutherans Restoring Creation

Worship Outdoors - Let All Creation Praise

<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/space/worship-outdoors>

Images for Worship Outdoors - Let All Creation Praise

<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/devotional-resources-1>

Worship Resources for Earth Day (April 22) - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/03/worship-resources-for-earth-day-april-22.html>

Images for Worship Resources for Earth Day (April 22) - re:Worship

Companion Synod Sunday First Sunday in May

The Companion Synod Program of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin enables us to experience the gifts and witness of a church in Africa and Latin America. The companion synod relationship exists to strengthen one another for life and mission within the body of Christ. It offers us the privilege of mutually participating in the life of another church through prayer, study, communication, and exchange of pastors, leaders, visitors, and resources. It opens our eyes to the global challenge that Christ offers us today.

Resources

A Service to Celebrate Companion Synod Relationships

One, holy, catholic and apostolic...the marks of the church. We know that the eye, foot and ear need one another in the body of Christ with which we gather each Lord's Day. This service celebrates the relationships that bind the universal church as well—relationships that are flourishing between ELCA synods and companion churches and synods. To celebrate your own Companion Synod relationship, include hymns from your Companion Synod (found in Country Packets from the ELCA Division for Global Mission) and stories from people who have visited the companion church.

[PDF] Celebrating Relationship

http://www.wisynod.org/uploads/2/3/0/3/23032342/elca_celebrate_companion_synod_relationships_worship_service_ideas.pdf

Images for Service to Celebrate Companion Synod Relationships

Companion Synod Relationships - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are concrete expressions of the communion and fellowship with the more than 140 Lutheran member churches of The Lutheran World Federation. Each of the 65 synods has at least one international church companion and many have additional relationships, resulting in more than 120 companion synod relationships.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Companion-Synod-Relationships>

Images for Companion Synod Relationships - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Companion Synod Sunday | Metropolitan Washington, D.C.

An annual opportunity to celebrate the synod's Companion Synod ties!

January 25, 2015 - Celebrating our relationship with the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in SLOVAKIA

Materials and activities to help your congregation focus on our Slovakian sisters and brothers have been prepared by our Global Missions Committee.

Share this "RESOURCE GUIDE for Slovakia Companion Synod Sunday" (pdf file, 21 pages)

<http://metrodcelca.org/events/companion-synod-sunday/>

Images for Companion Synod Sunday

<http://metrodcelca.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/15slovakresourceguidev6.pdf>

http://synodresourcecenter.org/evang/global_missions/companion_synods/relationships/0003/companion_sunday.html

<http://www.wisynod.org/companion-synod-sunday.html>

<http://css-elca.org/companion-synods>

<http://wndsynod.org/companion-synod/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi is one of the fastest growing churches in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. The ELCM was established November 21, 1982. The establishment was done by indigenous lay people who became Lutherans as they worked in the neighboring countries of Zimbabwe, South Africa and Tanzania where Lutheranism had already existed and rooted. In 1999, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA covenanted together in a companion synod relationship.

http://www.nswsi.org/our_faith_in_action/companion_ministries.phtml

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

[PDF] Global Communion Service - Partners with El Salvador

<http://www.partnerswithelsalvador.org/pdfs/Global%20Communion%20Service.pdf>

Images for Global Communion Service - Partners with El Salvador

SUGGESTIONS TO CONGREGATIONS FOR CELEBRATION IN EPIPHANY

It is suggested that each congregation in the Central States Synod consider the following:

1. Put on your calendar for the Epiphany Season the celebration of global awareness and especially our partnerships in ministry with our Companion Synods outside the U. S.— the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea-Kotte District (ELCPNG) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Russia and Other States (ELCROS) with emphasis upon the eight congregations in far eastern Russia.
2. Incorporate some aspect of the Companion Synod relationship into one or all worship services during Epiphany. Music, prayers, and other information that may be of interest to you is included in the resources provided here.
3. Include prayers for the Companion Synods in all worship services during Epiphany.
4. Schedule special programs such as a speaker from the synod who has visited a Companion Synod or other activities so that you may learn about one or both Companion Synod. A list of persons with experience in the Companion Synods follows (next page).

5. Make a financial contribution to the Companion Synod Program as a as a special offering or from the Congregation's benevolence budget. Unless otherwise designated, contributions will be used for funding trips to and from our companion churches in Papua New Guinea and Russia, and for Leadership Development in those churches. 6. Plan other activities in accordance with the interests and traditions of your congregation.

[PDF] Companion Synod Packet 11.pub - Central States Synod

http://css-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Companion_Synod_Packet_2011.pdf

Images for Companion Synod Packet - Central States Synod

<http://www.css-elca.org/ministries/companion-synodsglobal-mission/>

Honor your mothers on Mother's Day, May 10

God preserves and sustains the gift of family with the fourth commandment to honor your father and mother. One specific way is the commemoration of Mother's Day. Come to worship on Mother's Day when a special litany on "Blessing of Mothers" will be used. The hand bells will provide special gathering music in their honor, and the Sunday school will present special music. Bring the whole family to church on Mother's Day.

Gathering Song	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 1-5
Hymn of the Day	Our Father, By Whose Name	
Sending Song	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 6-11

Litany Blessing of Mothers

Sundays and Seasons: Year A, 2011

Blessing of Mothers

Page 175

<http://www.amazon.com/Sundays-Seasons-Year-A-2011/dp/080669520X>

[Images for Sundays and Seasons Blessing of Mothers](#)

Children's Message

Invite the children to face the assembly and to join in a singing of "Happy Mother's Day" to the tune of "Happy Birthday."

Message

-It's About Love

Sermons from Seattle - Sermons - Series C

http://www.sermonsfromseattle.com/series_c_itsaboutlove.htm

-Honor your father and mother.

Honoring Fatherhood and Motherhood: Insights from Luther's Large Catechism

<http://www.hausvater.org/articles/213-honoring-fatherhood-and-motherhood-insights-from-luthers-large-catechism.html>

-Mother's Day

Honor and Love Your Mother Every Day, Not Just on Mother's Day

<http://www.arvindevalia.com/blog/2010/05/08/honour-and-love-your-mother-every-day-not-just-on-mothers-day/>

Honor Mom with an ELCA Good Gift

Dear friends in Christ,

I thank my God every time I remember you. – Philippians 1:3

Mother's Day is right around the corner. How will you give thanks for the women in your life? There are a lot of options for gifts, but few have the potential to change the life of a mom around the world.

[Honor Mom with an ELCA Good Gift today.](#)

[ELCA Good Gifts](#) offers more than 50 gifts – from goats to microloans – each with the potential to change the lives of moms around the world, moms like Chhorn.

Chhorn is a mother of eight who lives in Cambodia. Although she and her husband work hard as farmers, their inconsistent income meant that they couldn't afford to send their children to school, or pay for basic needs.

Today, with a flock of chickens and a couple pigs added to their farm, things are much different. The animals allowed Chhorn to start a business selling eggs and young chickens and pigs to provide for her family. "I feel happier because I have a steady income," Chhorn says.

[Make Mom proud with a gift in her honor this Mother's Day.](#)

It's often said that women are the key to change in any community. When you empower a woman, you empower her children, and you impact their future, too. What an easy, amazing way to create a positive ripple effect in the lives of people around the world – all in God's name.

Yours in Christ,

Christina

Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.S. After you make your donation, you can [print a card](#) to tell Mom about the gift you've given in her honor, right from our website!

Creative Mother's Day Ideas for Church - Re:think Worship

<https://www.rethinkworship.com/creative-mothers-day-ideas-for-church/>

Images for Creative Mothers Day Ideas for Church - Re:think Worship

<https://www.rethinkworship.com/mothers-day-videos-2/>

Mother's Day Resource Index - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/mothers-day-resource-index.html>

Images for Mother's Day Resource Index – re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Mothers%27%20Day%20resources>

Images for Mother's Day Resources

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387, May 4

Year A - Page 178

Year B - 174

Year C – Page 177

<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>

<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 Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387, May 4

What Does the Bible Say About Mothers? - OpenBible.info

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/mothers>

https://www.openbible.info/topics/mothers_love

Images for Bible and Mothers

<http://lnger.wordpress.com/2011/05/05/what-does-the-bible-say-about-motherhood-mothers-day/>

Images for Bible and Motherhood

<https://www.cbn.com/family/parenting/MomsofBible.aspx>

Images for Moms in the Bible

<https://www.todayschristianwoman.com/articles/2012/december/learning-from-mothers-of-bible.html>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/your-guide-to-the-top-10-most-extraordinary-mothers-of-the-bible.html>

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

<https://www.sharefaith.com/blog/2013/04/top-20-bible-verses-mothers-day/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/mothers-Christian.html>

<https://www.todayschristianwoman.com/articles/2012/december/learning-from-mothers-of-bible.html>

Images for mothers of the bible

<https://sojo.net/articles/forgotten-mothers-bible>

<https://www.evangelismcoach.org/17-mothers-day-bible-verses/>

<http://biblereasons.com/mothers/>

<https://yourvibrantfamily.com/bible-verses-for-moms/>

www.cbn.com/family/parenting/MomsofBible.aspx

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-11-influence-godly-mothers-2-timothy-15-314-17>

Images for godly mothers

<https://bible.org/seriespage/12-majesty-motherhood>

www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2014/11/07/top-7-bible-verses-about-mothers/

www.beliefnet.com/faiths/galleries/incredible-mothers-of-the-bible.aspx

<https://gatheredagain.com/14-bible-verses-about-mothers/>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/bible-verses-for-mothers-day-701007>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/honoring-the-biblical-call-of-motherhood>

Images for biblical call of motherhood

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Mothers/>

<https://www.jellytelly.com/blog/what-does-the-bible-say-about-motherhood>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/5719-mothers-responsibilities>

<https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/8-famous-bible-mothers/>

Images for famous bible mothers

Your Ultimate Mother's Day Resource List - Sharefaith Magazine

<https://www.sharefaith.com/blog/2018/04/your-ultimate-mothers-day-resource-list-2/>

Images for Your Ultimate Mother's Day Resource List - Sharefaith Magazine

For Mother's Day, 5/14/2017, I acknowledged the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by speaking of the witness of Katharina Von Bora, wife of Martin Luther and mother of their children.

Resources

Katharina von Bora - Wikipedia

Katharina von Bora (German: [kataˈʁiːna fɔn ˈbɔʁa]; January 29, 1499 – December 20, 1552), also referred to as "die Lutherin"^[1] 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.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharina_von_Bora

Images for Katharina von Bora

Martin Luther on Marriage as a School of Character

But the ongoing noise of Luther's household was not only due to their children but also to the many friends and students who were constantly at Luther's doorstep. One of the most outrageous examples occurred on the night of Martin and Katie's wedding. At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door. It was Carlstadt, who was fleeing from the Peasants' War, seeking a place to stay. Of course, the Luthers took him in. Carlstadt would not be the last. The Luthers took in the sick on many occasions. Most impressive, however, was the love the Luthers had for orphans. Martin and Katie adopted four orphaned children from their relatives, making a total of ten children (!) in the Luther household. Known for an open door, at times the Luther family had up to 25 children and student boarders under their roof. Needless to say, this was no small task for Katie. Even the mealtimes in the Luther household were occupied. Martin's famous Table Talk came from the table where the Luthers had their supper. Students were always at his table asking questions into the late hours of the night. But the exhaustion was overwhelming, so much so that one night, when Martin was talking at the table, Katie went up to her room and literally passed out.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/martin-luther-on-marriage-as-a-school-of-character>

Images for Martin Luther on Marriage as a School of Character

Martin Luther. The Characters. Luther's Wife | PBS

Katharina took over the household, particularly the household expenses; it is said that Dr. Luther did not have a clue how to run a household. She also proved herself to be a good housewife and gardener. Luther's household included not only his wife and six children, but also one of Katharina's relatives and after 1529 six of Luther's sister's children. Luther also housed students in his home to help the family's financial situation.



http://www.pbs.org/empires/martinluther/char_wife.html

Images for Martin Luther. The Characters. Luther's Wife | PBS

On a lighter note, I related how on 4/7/2017, I had been invited to go on a charter bus trip **to see** The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up O Men at the Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth, MN. One of the songs in the musical was *A Happy Wife Makes for a Happy Life*.

Weekend Showcase: "Rise Up, O Men" - YouTube

The Church Basement Ladies are back at the Plymouth Playhouse, but this time they're bringing to stage another Lutheran themed show with "Rise Up O Men" playing through early January.

There are a few new characters alongside the well known ladies in "Rise Up O Men".



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86aTA0bKe9w>

Images for Church Basement Ladies "Rise Up O Men" - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ETfXSvj07g> Rise Up, O Men Teaser - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJRkK-hgzQ> KMSP 6am CBL Rise Up O Men – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gkobOkbHx8> KMSP 7am CBL Rise Up O Men - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUWkwGivseQ> WCCO 9am CBL Rise Up O Men – YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYvAK_NxAg Church Basement Ladies Debut 'Rise Up O Men' – YouTube

Resources

Church Basement Ladies | Rise Up, O Men | CD Baby Music Store

Original Cast recording of The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up O Men. Inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin & Suzann Nelson including the best-seller Growing Up Lutheran. Produced by Curt Wollan at the Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth, MN.

7. A Happy Wife Makes for a Happy Life

<https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/churchbasementladies6>

Images for Church Basement Ladies Rise Up, O Men

Review: 'Rise Up, O Men' at the Plymouth Playhouse is humorous

Although the title makes it sound like the men are taking over, with songs like "A Happy Wife Makes for a Happy Life," you know who's really in charge. Happily, the women who originated the long-running roles return.

<http://www.twincities.com/2016/08/21/review-rise-up-o-men-is-homespun-and-humorous/>

<http://www.startribune.com/review-rise-up-o-men-doesn-t-sour-the-church-basement-ladies-formula/390950091/>

Images for 'Rise Up, O Men' at the Plymouth Playhouse

Norwegian Rite of 1889 to be offered May 17 as a heritage service

The use of the Norwegian Rite of 1889 will offer an opportunity to appreciate our heritage. This is Norwegian Constitution Day. The order of service will reflect the Norwegian background of this congregation and will include parts of the service in Norwegian to give a flavor of the history. In addition, the hymns and music will be of Norwegian background. An adapted order of worship will be used from *The Lutheran Hymnary* (1913), which closely follows the basic order of the Norwegian Rite of 1889. Spread the word. Invite others!

Stave church - Wikipedia

A stave church is a [medieval](#) wooden [Christian church building](#) once common in north-western [Europe](#). The name derives from the building's structure of [post and lintel](#) construction, a type of [timber framing](#) where the load-bearing [oak-pine](#) posts are called *stavar* in [Old Norse](#) (*stav* in modern [Norwegian](#)). Two related church building types also named for their structural elements, the [post church](#) and [palisade church](#), are often called 'stave churches'.



Heddal Stave Church, [Notodden](#), the largest stave church in Norway

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stave_church

Images for Stave church

24 best Norwegian Stave Church images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/zjohnhill/norwegian-stave-church/>

Images for Norwegian Stave Church on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/andrewwestern92/norwegian-stave-churches/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/lorrainelehman1/norwegian-stave-kirkes-churches/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/blackbalder/stave-church/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pattirabbit/stave-churches/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/ayhan1221/stave-church/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/LeahNSmith/stave-churches/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/tikirama/stave-church/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/almiorr/stave-church/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/allisonclarkson/architecture-stave-church/>

Images for pinterest/architecture-stave-church

NORWEGIAN RITE OF 1889

PRELUDIUM

Prelude

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindemann, 1812-87. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 82.

Jeg er så glad hver julekveld

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

Music: Peder Knudsen, 1819-63. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 151.

KIRKEKLOKKER

Ringling of the Bell

INNGANGSBØNN

Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy holy word. We pray Thee so to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Thy Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe in Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

INNGANGSSALME

Opening Hymn

Built on a Rock

Music: Ludvig M. Lindemann, 1812-87. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 151.

NÅDEHILSEN

Greeting

Kjære menighet! Nåde være med dere og fred fra Gud, vår far;
og Herren Jesus Kristus! Amen.

Dear congregation! Grace be with you and peace from God our Father;
and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SYNDSBEKJENNELSE

Confession of Sins

La oss bøye oss for Gud og bekjenne våre synder.

Let us bow before God and confess our sins.

Hellige Gud, himmelske Far. Se i nåde til meg, syndige menneske,

Holy God, Heavenly Father; look upon me in mercy, a sinful being

Som har krenket deg med tanker, ord og gjerninger

Who has sinned against you in thought, word, and deed

Og kjenner lysten til det onde i mitt hjerte.

I acknowledge my sin before you.

For Jesu Kristi skyld ha langmodighet med meg.

For the sake of Jesus Christ be patient with me.

Tilgi meg alle mine synder og gi meg å frykte,

Forgive me all my sins and grant me to fear

Og elske deg alene. Amen.

And love you above all else. Amen.

TILGIVELSE

Absolution

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

SANG

Song

Den Store Hvide Flok

Behold a Host

Arr. By Edvard Grieg, 1843-1907. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 599.

BØNNEROP

Call to Prayer

Kyrie eleison. Gud Fader, miskunne deg.

Lord, have mercy. Good Father, have mercy.

Kriste eleison. Herre Krist, miskunne deg.

Lord, have mercy. Dear Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Hellig And, miskunne deg.

Lord, have mercy. Holy Spirit, have mercy.

LOVSANG

Song of Praise

Aere vaere Gud i det høyeste! Glory to God in the highest.

Og fred på jorden, blant mennesker som har Guds velbehag.

And peace on earth to those who enjoy his favor.

Vi lover deg, vi priser deg, vi tilber deg, vi opphøyer deg.
We praise you, we thank you, we worship you, we extol you.

DAGENS KOLLEKT Collect

FORKYNNELSE AV GUDS ORD Proclamation of God's Word
Let us hear the word of the Lord.
God be praised. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

TEKSTLESNING First Reading

EVANGELIUM Gospel

TROSBEKJENNELSE Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead: he ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of
Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life
everlasting. Amen.

SALME FØR PREKEN Hymn before the Sermon
Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindemann, 1812-87. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 575.

PREKEN Sermon

SALME ETTER PREKEN Hymn after the Sermon
Tryggare kan Ingen Vara Children of the Heavenly Father
Swedish Melody. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 572.

KUNNGJØRINGER Announcements

FORBØNN General Prayer

HERRENS BØNN Lord's Prayer

MENIGHETENS TAKKOFFER Offering

TAKKOFFER BØNN Offertory Prayer
Lord God, Heavenly Father. Thine is the earth and all that is in it.
Everything we have belongs to you. Bless these gifts, that they may benefit
Thy kingdom, and our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NATTVERDFORMANING Exhortation
Dear Friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily it becomes you diligently to consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is my Body, which is given for you"; "This is my Blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins"; you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His Body and Blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins", you should, in the next place, believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His Body and Blood to confirm unto you the remission of all your sins. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat"; "Drink ye all of it"; and, "This do in remembrance of me". If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then have you rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's Body and drink His Blood for the remission of your sins. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

INNSTIFTELSESORD Words of Institution
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

NATTVERDVESIGNALSE

Communion Blessing

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who now hath bestowed upon you His holy Body and Blood, whereby He hath made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

TAKKESSALME FOR NATTVERD

Hymn of Thanksgiving

O Jesus, Blessed Lord

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703. Tune: Old Hundredth. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 284.

TAKKEKOLLEKT

Collect of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, on God world without end.

HERRENS VESIGNALSE

Benediction

The Lord be with thee. **And with thy spirit.**

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

AVSLUTNINGSSALME

Closing Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Our Lady, Trondhjem. Ludvig Matthias Lindeman, 1812-87. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 160. Second Tune

UTGANGSBØNN

Closing Prayer

O Lord! We render unto Thee our heartfelt thanks that Thou hast taught us what Thou wouldst have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ to keep Thy word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness and comforted in life and death. Amen.

KIRKEKLOKKER

Ring of the Bell

POSTLUDIUM

Postlude

Alleluia! Jesus Lives!

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindemann, 1812-87. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 100.

Notes

+ While a Prelude is being played, the Minister proceeds to the altar and kneels before it for the Opening Prayer and the Closing Prayer.

+ Hymns may also be located in *The Lutheran Hymnary*, but for most people the *Service Book and Hymnal* may be more accessible.

+ The General Prayer from *The Lutheran Hymnary*, pages 26-27, or *Service Book and Hymnal*, pages 238-241. The Presiding Minister faces the altar.

+ Music for The Benediction and the Amen may be found in *The Lutheran Hymnary*, page 17, and *Service Book and Hymnal*, page 70.

[Service Book and Hymnal](#)

https://openlibrary.org/books/ia:servicebookhymn00minn/Service_book_and_hymnal_of_the_Lutheran_Church_in_America

Resources for history

[Norwegian Constitution Day - Wikipedia](#)

Norwegian Constitution Day is the [National Day](#) of [Norway](#) and is an official [national holiday](#) observed on May 17 each year. Among Norwegians, the day is referred to simply as *syttende mai* (meaning May Seventeenth), *Nasjonaldagen* (The National Day) or *Grunnlovsdagen* (The Constitution Day), although the latter is less frequent.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norwegian_Constitution_Day

[Images for Norwegian Constitution Day](#)

Olaf II Haraldsson | king of Norway | Britannica.com

Olaf attempted to reconquer Norway in 1030 with help from Anund Jakob but was defeated by a superior Norwegian peasant and Danish army in the Battle of Stiklestad (1030), one of the most celebrated battles in ancient Norse history. Olaf's popularity, his church work, and the aura of legend that surrounded his death, which was supposedly accompanied by miracles, led to his canonization in 1031. His popularity spread rapidly; churches and shrines were constructed in his honor in England, Sweden, and Rome. He was the last Western saint accepted by the Eastern Orthodox church.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Olaf-II-Haraldsson>

Images for Olaf II Haraldsson | king of Norway

Olaf II of Norway - Wikipedia

Olaf II Haraldsson (c. 995 – 29 July 1030), later known as St. Olaf (and traditionally as St. Olave), was King of Norway from 1015 to 1028. He was posthumously given the title *Rex Perpetuus Norvegiae* (English: Eternal/Perpetual King of Norway) and canonised at Nidaros (Trondheim) by Bishop Grimkell, one year after his death in the Battle of Stiklestad on 29 July 1030. His remains were enshrined in Nidaros Cathedral, built over his burial site. His sainthood encouraged the widespread adoption of the Roman Catholic / Christian religion among the Vikings / Norsemen in Scandinavia.

Olaf's local canonisation was in 1164 confirmed by Pope Alexander III, making him a universally recognized saint of the Roman Catholic Church, and a commemorated historical figure among some members of the Lutheran and Anglican Communion.^[1] He is also a canonised saint of the Eastern Orthodox Church (feast day 29 July) and one of the last famous Western saints before the Great Schism.^[2]

The saga of Olaf Haraldsson and the legend of Olaf the Saint became central to a national identity. Especially during the period of Romantic Nationalism, Olaf was a symbol of Norwegian independence and pride. Saint Olaf is symbolized by the axe in Norway's coat of arms and Olsok (29 July) is still his day of celebration. Many Christian institutions with Scandinavian links as well as Norway's Order of St. Olav are named after him.^{[3][4]}

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olaf_II_of_Norway

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Images for Olaf II of Norway

St. Olaf, Martyr-King of Norway | Viking | Pinterest | St olaf

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Background

[The following explanation is taken from a 1/14/1976 bulletin at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.]

As part of Luther Seminary's centennial observance in 1976, the Centennial Committee has planned the use of three historic liturgies, in the winter, spring, and fall terms. The three services which represent milestones in the post-Reformation tradition of the Lutheran Church of Norway, from which Luther Seminary stems, are the German Mass of 1527, the Danish Church Ritual of 1685, and the Norwegian Rite of 1889.

When the Church Ritual was published in Denmark in 1685 its use became mandatory also in Norway, which was then a province of Denmark. Norway remained a province until 1814, when her ties with Denmark were severed and she regained control over her own internal affairs.

There was widespread dissatisfaction among church people in Norway with the worship life of the church in the nineteenth century. Reform efforts, strongly influenced by the liturgical research and renewal taking place in Germany, eventuated in the publication in 1869 of a new hymnal and in 1889 of a new rite for Norway.

For the first time in the 350-year history of the Lutheran Church in Norway, the people had a liturgical order which included such traditional prose elements as the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, the ancient Preface and Sanctus. In previous liturgies the people's parts had consisted solely of hymns.

This rite was adopted by the majority of the Norwegian Americans in this country. It was published in an English translation in the *Lutheran Hymnary* (1913), the official hymnal of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (NCLA), a church body founded in 1917 out of three Norwegian synods. The NCLA later changed its name to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. This rite remained the principal service of the church until the advent in 1958 of the *Service Book and Hymnal*.

Worship among Norwegian Lutherans

Norway

Norwegian Rite of 1889

1889

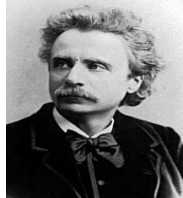
Augsburg Publishing House – Minneapolis, MN

The Lutheran Hymnary	1913
The Concordia Hymnal	1932
Service Book and Hymnal	1958
Lutheran Book of Worship	1978
Evangelical Lutheran Worship	2006

Resources for Norwegian Composers

DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK - Hymnary.org

Harmonizer: Edward H. Grieg



http://www.hymnary.org/tune/den_store_hvide_flok_norwegian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dogx4slQhtQ> Album for Male Voices, Op. 30: No. 10. Den store, hvide flok - YouTube

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Images for Edward H. Grieg

Images for DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK

Ludvig Mathias Lindeman - Wikipedia

Ludvig Mathias Lindeman (28 November 1812 – 11 March 1887) was a [Norwegian](#) composer and organist. He is most noted for compiling Norwegian folk music in his work *Ældre og nyere norske Fjeldmelodier*.^[1]

Ludvig Mathias Lindeman was born in [Trondheim](#), [Sør-Trøndelag](#), Norway. He was the seventh of ten children born to [Ole Andreas Lindeman](#) (1769–1857) and Anna Severine Hickmann (1782–1844). In 1833, he was sent to [Oslo](#) to take his final exams and then studied theology at the university. In 1839, Lindeman succeeded his elder brother, Jacob Andreas Lindeman (1805–1846), as cantor and organist of the [Oslo Cathedral](#). Lindeman was in the position for 48 years until his death in 1887.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludvig_Mathias_Lindeman

Images for Ludvig Mathias Lindeman

Resources for The Lutheran Hymnary

[PDF] The Centennial of the Lutheran Hymnary

The Lutheran Hymnary had many strengths (see Appendix for complete contents). The first sixty-three pages of the book were dedicated to the printing of the three catholic Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, and the Small Catechism. This mimicked the tradition of other Synodical Conference books. Walther's German hymnbook of 1847 did this, and later hymnbooks followed suit, including the Ohio Synod's *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal* (1880) and the Missouri Synod's *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book* (1912).³⁴ For the first time, the Bugenhagen Order now enjoyed wide circulation in English,³⁵ and the Norwegians also printed the Common Order of service which would become the standard liturgy among confessional Lutherans in America. Following in the Scandinavian hymnbook tradition of Kingo, Guldberg, Balle, and Landstad, along with the preference of the Norwegian Synod, the hymns of *The Lutheran Hymnary* were arranged according to the Church Year.³⁶ The committee hoped that this arrangement "will prove a valuable aid in selecting appropriate hymns for the services, and, better than a mere topical index, serve to promote a general use of the hymns found in the hymnal."³⁷ The book also benefited from the collaboration of hymn text and music experts throughout the process. Previous books were often published in text form first, and then followed later on by a music edition. For *The Lutheran Hymnary*, texts and music were planned together and printed together.³⁸

Regarding music, the committee noted that "twenty German chorals are arranged in rhythmical meter; twenty have a melodic or contrapuntal [sic] setting. These special features the committee hopes, will serve a purpose in discovering the wish of the Church regarding the rhythmical form and the melodic arrangement of Lutheran chorals."³⁹ The book features far more isometric versions of the chorales than rhythmic versions. In the Ludvig M. Lindeman (1812-1887) tradition of the harmonic chorale many of the older rhythmic melodies appeared in an equal rhythm (quarter note) form.⁴⁰ This rhythmic transformation reflects an emphasis on harmony as a driving force in music, which was a result of significant changes in the musical art beginning in the early 18th century. Acknowledging the debate about whether the isometric or rhythmic version of a melody is preferable, the Hymnary occasionally included both forms of the same hymn (such as #2, #85, and #492).⁴¹ However, isometric melodies were more heavily used.

<http://www.blts.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/PJF-Lutheran-Hymnary-Centennial.pdf>

The Lutheran Hymnary (1913) by Evangelical Lutheran Church (Author)

This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original. Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting, preserving, and promoting the world's literature in affordable, high quality, modern editions that are true to the original work.

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https://www.logos.com/resources/LLS_LTHRNHYMNRY/the-lutheran-hymnary

<http://www.hymnary.org/hymnal/LHPN1913>

[Images for The Lutheran Hymnary \(1913\) by Evangelical Lutheran Church \(Author\)](#)

Resources for The Concordia Hymnal

The Concordia Hymnal: A Hymnal for Church, School and Home

Complete, fully searchable information about The Concordia Hymnal: A Hymnal for Church, School and Home. Rev. 1st word ed. Publisher: Augsburg, Minneapolis, Minn., 1932.

<http://www.hymnary.org/hymnal/CHHC1933>

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Concordia-Hymnal-Revised-enlarged/dp/B000JWG2J2>

[Images for The Concordia Hymnal: A Hymnal for Church, School and Home](#)

Resources for The Service Book and Hymnal

Service Book and Hymnal, authorized by the Churches Cooperating in the Commission on the Liturgy and Hymnal

Complete, fully searchable information about Service Book and Hymnal, authorized by the Churches Cooperating in the Commission on the Liturgy and Hymnal.

<http://www.hymnary.org/hymnal/SBHC1958>

<http://www.amazon.com/Service-Hymnal-Lutheran-Church-America/dp/B000CBVABA>

Service Book and Hymnal - Wikipedia

The *Service Book and Hymnal* (*SBH*) was used by most of the Lutheran church bodies in the United States that today comprise the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) (ELCA) prior to the publishing of the [Lutheran Book of Worship](#) (LBW) of 1978. In ELCA circles, historically, the Service Book and Hymnal has been called the "red book" while the [Lutheran Book of Worship](#) has been called the "green book." The newest ELCA hymnal, [Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#) (ELW) is also red in color, and has apparently been dubbed "the cranberry book".^[*citation needed*]

Prior to the merger of 1987 which created the ELCA, there were several smaller Lutheran church bodies. The ones involved in the *Service Book and Hymnal* included the [American Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), the [American Lutheran Church](#), the [Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), the [Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), the [Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America](#), the [Lutheran Free Church](#), the [United Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), and the [United Lutheran Church in America](#). These churches (most of whom are now in the ELCA) had many different hymnals until 1958 when the Service Book and Hymnal came out.

Service Book and Hymnal contains 602 hymns, the first 148 of them organized to correspond with the Church Year. The liturgies and psalms precede the hymns, with indexes in the back. Three settings of The Service were available whereas only the first two (p.15 & p.41) were included in the pew editions of the hymnal. Chant, chorale and plainsong styles were used.

The cover of SBH features a gold cross on a circle logo symbolizing Christ in the world.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service_Book_and_Hymnal

[Images for Service Book and Hymnal](#)

Resources for The Lutheran Book of Worship

Lutheran Book of Worship | Augsburg Fortress

From 1978 through 2006 the "LBW" was the primary worship resource for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its predecessor bodies. This single volume—affectionately known as "The Green Book"—contains worship liturgies as well as a complete hymnal. A complete family of LBW volumes provides a variety of formats, other liturgies, accompaniments, commentary, selections, and more.

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

[Images for Lutheran Book of Worship | Augsburg Fortress](#)

<http://www.hymnary.org/hymnal/LBoW1978>

www.lutheran-hymnal.com/lbw/lbw_online.html

Lutheran Book of Worship - Wikipedia

The process leading to the publication of the *LBW* was started in 1965 when the [Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod](#) (LCMS) invited other North American Lutheran denominations to join it to work on a common service book. Together with the LCMS, the [Lutheran Church in America](#), the [American Lutheran Church](#), and the [Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada](#) formed the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship to undertake this project. The commission conducted its work through four sub-

committees: Liturgical Text Committee, Liturgical Music Committee, Hymn Text Committee, Hymn Music Committee. The work of the committees was validated via provisional liturgical and hymn materials, questionnaires, conferences, and dialogs. The Rev. Dr. Eugene Brand was named project director for the development work and The Rev. Leonard Flachman was named publishers' representative and managing editor. The *LBW* was published in 1978. The LCMS pulled out of the ILCW just prior to the publication of the *LBW*, but having been a participant in the development of the materials its name appears on the title page. The LCMS published their own hymnal, *Lutheran Worship*, in 1982. Although the *LW* liturgies are very similar to those in the *LBW*, there are differences which reflect differing theologies, for example *LW* lacks the option for a Eucharistic Prayer. The *Lutheran Book of Worship* has remained in use for thirty years. There are a couple reasons for that longevity. The first is the careful, forward-looking, inclusive work of the ILCW and the four subcommittees. The second is the careful work done by the staff of [Augsburg Publishing House](#) in selecting and testing the materials with which the book was manufactured. The books did not wear out

The first printing of the *LBW* was one million copies and required 19 semi-trailers to carry the book from the printer to 14 distribution points around the United States.

While it is in its twenty-seventh printing and widely used by the ELCA and the ELCIC, the *LBW* was replaced in October 2006 as the primary worship resource in the two denominations by *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The new book is intended to reflect the changing demographic of the church bodies and the subsequent changes in language and ritual practice.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran_Book_of_Worship

Images for Lutheran Book of Worship

Resources for Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

More comprehensive than previous worship books, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Pew Edition is still compact and easy to handle. It introduces a rich and broad selection of new songs and prayers—yet it includes much that churches know, cherish, and use from existing resources.

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

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/worship/evangelicallutheranworship/>

www.hymnary.org/hymnal/ELW2006

<http://www.amazon.com/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition/dp/0806656182>

Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Wikipedia

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) is the current, primary liturgical and worship guidebook and hymnal for use in the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) and the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#), replacing its three predecessors, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW), the *Hymnal Supplement 1991*, published by GIA Publications (a Roman Catholic publishing house in Chicago) (an extension of the LBW), and the *With One Voice* (WOV).

Evangelical Lutheran Worship was first published in October 2006. Though not all ELCA and ELCIC congregations immediately adopted the book, demand for it was so great that it sold out its first and second printings and some congregations had to delay its adoption until more were available.

The book includes ten musical settings of the liturgy for the [Holy Communion service](#), three of which were previously published in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, as well as a Service of the Word. Morning Prayer (Matins), Evening Prayer (Vespers), and Night Prayer (Compline) are all included, as are occasional and pastoral offices such as baptism, marriage, burial, individual confession, and proper services for [Ash Wednesday](#), [Palm Sunday](#), and the [Triduum](#). Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* is also printed in the book. Unlike the abbreviated *Psalter* included in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, ELW includes the entire *Book of Psalms* in a version for congregational prayer and singing. Compared to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the selection of hymns is expanded, including many options from previously published Lutheran hymnals and hymnal supplements.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evangelical_Lutheran_Worship

Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship

People of the Way – Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,¹⁰ in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

oremus Bible Browser: [1 Peter 2:1-10](#)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=1+Peter+2:1-10>

Images for Living Stone and a Chosen People

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

oremus Bible Browser: [John 14:1-14](#)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

<http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=John+14%3A1-14>

Images for Jesus the Way to the Father

Life comes down to one ultimate choice – to accept or reject the invitation to live with God here on earth and in heaven forever. To accept the invitation is to align oneself with the identity of the early church as people of the way.

Gathering Song	Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Hymn of the Day	You Are the Way
Sending Song	Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Honor Sunday on May 21

The tradition to honor high school graduates, 50th wedding anniversaries, and 90th birthdays will continue this year on Sunday, May 21. Show up to help honor them! (names)—high school graduates, (name)—90th birthday, (name)—60th wedding anniversary. Card bags will be in the fellowship hall. If anyone has been missed, contact (name) or the church office.

Day of Pentecost on May 24 to celebrate birthday of the church

Plan to celebrate the birthday of the church. The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter celebration. The risen Christ, having shown himself to his disciples and having ascended, sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the expectant church. The coming of the Spirit gives the church the power and the necessary gifts to carry the glad news of the resurrection from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The color of the Day of Pentecost is bright red, symbolizing the power of the Holy Spirit. Wear red to signify a people of God set on fire by the Spirit!

Pentecost - Wikipedia

The **Christian feast day of Pentecost** is seven weeks after Easter Sunday: that is to say, the fiftieth day after Easter inclusive of Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the **Holy Spirit** upon the Apostles and other followers of **Jesus Christ** while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the **Feast of Weeks**, as described in the **Acts of the Apostles**. Some Christians believe that this event represents the birth of the Church. The Feast of the Ascension occurs 40 days after **Easter**, so Pentecost is a **moveable feast**. In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire 50 days between Easter and the feast, and the book containing the liturgical texts for the period is called the **Pentecostarion**.



An Orthodox icon of the Christian Pentecost

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>
<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>
[Images for Christian feast day of Pentecost](#)

Gathering Song	O Holy Spirit, Enter In
Litany	Dialogue for Pentecost
	Ideas for the Day of Pentecost - Liturgy by TLW
	http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Pentecost/PentDay.html

Song of Praise	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Hymn of the Day	Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Profession of Faith	

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress
 Small Catechism of Martin Luther. The Creed. The Third Article. Page 1162
<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

Prayer Song	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Offering Song	God Is Here!
Communion Song	Spirit of Gentleness
Sending Song	O Day Full of Grace

Message

- Intro
 - Day of Pentecost – What does this mean?
- Body
 - Spirit driven or ego driven?
 - External or internal?
 - Communicate or consume?
- Conclusion
 - Day of Pentecost – What does this mean?

Resources

Pentecost : Creative Communications - Protestant

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA!CPPEN/Pentecost.aspx>

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Pentecost Resource Guide - Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/pentecost-resource-guide/>

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Pentecost - Textweek

www.textweek.com/pentecost.htm

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Pentecost Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/pentecost-worship-resource-index.html>

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Presbyterian Mission Agency Day of Pentecost | The Christian Year

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/pentecost/>

Images for Presbyterian Mission Agency Day of Pentecost | The Christian Year

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Day of Pentecost

Year A - Page 194

Year B - Page 185

Year C - Page 197

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Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Day of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit and Balloons Activity

- Today we are going to learn about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the part of God that lives in us – right inside of us... can you believe it? In the Lutheran tradition, we believe that when you are baptized, God gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit. And that Spirit of God will always be dwelling inside of you. Wow! It's humbling to think that God would choose to dwell in me.
- Give everyone a balloon
- Look at the balloon... it has no energy... kinda blah... do you ever feel like that? Sometimes we feel down, depressed, struggles with health – our own or someone else's, or we are facing a transition in life or a tough decision or we are in mourning, or experiencing a broken relationship, etc.
- The Spirit comforts us, showing compassion and care. The Bible tells us that the Spirit intercedes for us even when we do not know how to pray. The Spirit comforts us, gives us strength, gives us healing, gives us peace, and eventually leads us to hope.
- Sometimes we talk about the Spirit being the breath of God. Think of the balloon as you... and now I want you to blow air into the balloon... think of the air as the breath of God... the Holy Spirit living inside of you (don't tie the balloon, just blow it up) offer help to those who need it.
- What do you notice about the balloon as you blow air into it? (it gets bigger, it changes shape)
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit changes us, too.
- The Spirit helps our faith to grow.
- The Spirit also changes us, often encouraging us to try new things, to change (a word we Lutherans find challenging). The Spirit pushes at our edges... growing and changing us.
- Now I want you to hold on to your balloon – don't tie it, hold it high in the air. Now when I count to three, I want you to let go of your balloon. Ready? 1 — 2 — 3 — LET GO!
- Wow! Wasn't that fun?
- Let's learn some things about the Holy Spirit from these balloons...
- When you let go did your balloon stay in one place?
- No, it flew somewhere didn't it? That is like the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is always active, always on the move, always spurring our faith into action, keeping us on the move.
- And when you let go did you know where your balloon was going to end up?
- No, you didn't... could you even find it now? Do you know which one was yours? That is like the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is unpredictable, that means we don't know what the Spirit is going to do or where the Spirit is going to be. And often the Spirit surprises us in exciting and wonderful ways.

➤And one more thing... what did you hear when you let of your balloons and they were flying around? Did you hear laughter? That is like the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit is fun, brings joy and excitement.....and fun and joy and excitement lead to hope. 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

Remember Loved Ones by Coming to Worship on Sunday, May 24 of Memorial Day Weekend

Amidst the various commemorations of Memorial Day Weekend, you are invited to come to church to remember in thanksgiving to God the gift of loved ones who have passed on. There will be a special litany for Memorial Day, as well as the singing of national hymns.

Gathering Song	God of Our Fathers
Scripture Song	Not Alone for Mighty Empire
Hymn of the Day	Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Sending Song	My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Prayer of the Day
Litany of Freedom

Since its establishment on May 30, 1868, Memorial Day has been a time set aside to remember those who have died in service to our nation. Wars and military conflicts have been a part of our nation's history. God mourns the loss of those who fall in battle. Let us now take time to remember those loved ones who have given their lives for the freedoms which we as a nation now enjoy. Almighty God, we praise you for the freedom we know in this United States of America.

We remember those who gave their lives that we might keep this freedom.

Precious Lord, comfort all who grieve for those who died serving this country during armed conflicts.

We remember those serving in the armed forces around the world who uphold that freedom.

Great Redeemer, thank you for protecting our troops serving in dangerous war zones.

We remember those still stationed in the territories of unrest.

Be with our nation as we honor those who have died for its freedom. Be with our president, the leaders of our government, those in charge of our military, and all who work to maintain peace in our world. Give wisdom and discernment in all policy-making and enable those seeking peace to work together so harmony can come to a world in disorder.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus who gave himself for us. Amen.

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Resources

[Douglas MacArthur | Encyclopedia.com](#)

Douglas MacArthur was born in [Little Rock](#), Ark., on Jan. 26, 1880, the descendant of a long line of military men. His father, Arthur MacArthur, was a well-known general. Educated in a haphazard fashion on Western frontier posts, Douglas MacArthur recalled, "I learned to ride and shoot even before I could read or write." A poor-to-average student, MacArthur began to excel upon entering the military academy at [West Point](#), N. Y., in 1899. Under the watchful eye of his mother, who followed her son to the military academy, he compiled an outstanding record. Proud, and convinced of his destiny as a military leader, MacArthur graduated first in his class in 1903, with the highest scholastic average at the academy in 25 years.



Douglas MacArthur. Wikimedia Commons (Public Domain)

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Images for Douglas MacArthur

General MacArthur's Radio Address - USS Missouri

Today the guns are silent. A great tragedy has ended. A great victory has been won...

As I look back upon the long, torturous trail from those grim days of Bataan and Corregidor, when an entire world lived in fear, when democracy was on the defensive everywhere, when modern civilization trembled in the balance, I thank a merciful God that he has given us the faith, the courage and the power from which to mold victory. We have known the bitterness of defeat and the exultation of triumph, and from both we have learned there can be no turning back. We must go forward to preserve in peace what we won in war.

A new era is upon us. Even the lesson of victory itself brings with it profound concern, both for our future security, and the survival of civilization. The destructiveness of the war potential, through progressive advances in scientific discovery, has in fact now reached a point which revises the traditional concepts of war.

Men since the beginning of time have sought peace... Military allegiances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. **The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost**

matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural development of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.

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Images for General MacArthur's Radio Address – USS Missouri

Eisenhower's farewell address - Wikipedia

Until the latest of our world conflicts, the United States had no armaments industry. American makers of plowshares could, with time and as required, make swords as well. But we can no longer risk emergency improvisation of national defense. We have been compelled to create a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions. Added to this, three and a half million men and women are directly engaged in the defense establishment. We annually spend on military security alone more than the net income of all United States corporations.

Now this conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence - economic, political, even spiritual - is felt in every city, every Statehouse, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet, we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources, and livelihood are all involved. So is the very structure of our society.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted.

Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.



President Dwight Eisenhower delivers his farewell address.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eisenhower's_farewell_address

Images for Eisenhower's farewell address

Lyrics or Words to Taps « Taps Bugler: Jari Villanueva

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

<http://tapsbugler.com/lyrics-or-words-to-taps/>

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Images for National Prayers Index - re:Worship

Prayer Book for the Armed Services - Augsburg Fortress

The first of its kind since World War II, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services was developed with the contributions and review of chaplains and other service members. This durable pocket-sized companion is ideal for

those in the military, family and friends of those in active service, veterans, as well as pastors and congregations of those who serve.

Features include:

- Morning and evening prayer for individual use
- Prayers for many service-related contexts, including preparation for missions, confronting crises, grieving fallen companions, life circumstances during deployment, and more
- Corporate worship services with resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship and the ELCA's full-communion partner churches
- Affirmation of baptism for returning veterans
- Prayers for congregations whose pastors serve as chaplains or whose members are deployed
- 26 psalms for a variety of circumstances
- The words to 65 hymns and songs, including an expanded section of national songs

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Remembrance Day - Textweek

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Season of Pentecost

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Images for Pentecost - Craft of Preaching - Working Preacher

Pentecost in 2 Minutes - YouTube

Can't remember what or when Pentecost is? Well for starters, it's this Sunday, and if you want a little more info on this celebration of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church, take a look at Busted Halo's two minute video. (From BustedHalo.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5tr4pqWIo4>

Images for Pentecost in 2 Minutes - YouTube BustedHalo

Pentecost - Textweek

www.textweek.com/pentecost.htm

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Pentecost Worship Resource Index - re:Worship

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Holy Trinity celebrated on May 31

Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [*Sundays and Seasons*. Year C. 2013. Page 202]

Gathering Song Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Canticle of Praise Come, Thou Almighty King
Hymn of the Day The Church's Great Commission

1. The church's great commission is teaching humankind
God sent His Son to save us that we on earth may find
Through study and the searching of His most Holy Word
A life much more abundant while living for our Lord.
2. Lord, let our ears hear plainly the humble, needful cry
Of pain or grief or hunger of all those passing by;
That we may give assistance with no desire for fame
So, they in turn will praise You and glorify Your name.
3. Lord, let our lips speak to them a needed word of praise,
As to our Savior – Father our fondest voices raise;
In Song and prayer and worship each day of earthly life,
Then we will be contented while coping with the strife.
4. Our hearts, Oh Lord, keep open, to all let us be kind.
No matter what their race is, their creed or state of minds;
That we may share Your Gospel, with all who hunger here
And share the peace so perfect which comes when You appear.

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Music: Tune of *The Church's One Foundation*.

Offering Song Father Most Holy
Sending Song Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Creed (Divide Athanasian Creed into 3 parts - leader, lectern side of assembly, pulpit side of assembly.)

Athanasian Creed - Wikipedia

Composed of 44 rhythmic lines, the Athanasian Creed appears to have been intended as a liturgical document – that is, the original purpose of the creed was to be spoken or sung as a part of worship. The creed itself uses the language of public worship, speaking of the worship of God rather than the language of belief ("Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God"). In the [Catholic Church](#) in medieval times, this creed was recited following the Sunday sermon or at the Sunday Office of Prime.^[17] The creed was often set to music and used in the place of a Psalm.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athanasian_Creed

[Images for Athanasian Creed](#)

Resources

[PDF] A History of the Ancient Creedal Texts - Augsburg Fortress

Once taken for granted in a world that was largely Christian, the so-called ecumenical Creeds—the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian—today find themselves pushed increasingly into the foreground of a postmodern world for at least two reasons. First, they have become increasingly important because of the need to define the boundaries of historical Christianity in the face of numerous attempts to redefine Christianity in the light of ancient Gnosticism and revisionist versions of Christianity. However, some may wish to revise the picture of early Christianity, the creeds define historically the faith as Christians have confessed it from its earliest centuries on. They embody the constituent components of the church's confession of Christ. Second, in a world of thirty thousand Christian denominations, the creeds set forth what all Christians have held in common throughout history. While each denomination or church body arose in a particular era and thus was shaped by it, they all arose out of a common history in the early church and lay claim to it.¹ In a pluralistic age, it has become increasingly important to stress what it means to be Christian as well as Lutheran. The ecumenical creeds fit the bill well.

<http://augsburgfortress.org/media/downloads/9780800627416Chapter1.pdf>

[Images for A History of the Ancient Creedal Texts - Augsburg Fortress](#)

As I See It: Inculcating the Habit of Worship – Let's Talk

Trinity Sunday is a great occasion on which to remind our people of this. For all that God has done for us "we surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him." The Athanasian Creed works well chanted antiphonally. (Many will have to get it out of their discarded LBWs or download the text since ELW didn't have space for it.) Then get the people deeply into the worship of the Holy Trinity by chanting the Te Deum Laudamus or by singing one of several hymns based on it. And so we will demonstrate that the *lex credendi* (rule of belief) and the *lex orandi* (rule of prayer) are one and the same. "We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity."

<http://mcsletstalk.org/keeping-the-sabbath/see-inculcating-habit-worship/>

[Images for Trinity Sunday](#)

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Blessing of High School Graduates on May 31

Come to worship to bless and recognize our high school graduates. A quilt will be presented to each of them. Each student will share about future plans. A designated student will give a message on behalf of the class. A reception between services will be given in their honor. This is another milestone in the faith journey that began in baptism. Assure them of your best wishes and continued prayers!

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Images for Litany For Graduates - The Episcopal Church

Graduation day: It's a time to celebrate and to consider God's call to us all | The Lutheran

It's a time to celebrate and to consider God's call to us all

Thousands and thousands of young people — proud in gowns and mortarboards — are walking across platforms this spring, like every spring, to receive their college diplomas. Graduation speakers are standing at podiums, talking about the gifts the students have and the possibilities and challenges before them.

These are days of hope — for anticipation of meaningful work, satisfying relationships and making a difference in the world. At colleges related to churches, such as St. Olaf in Northfield, Minn., where I teach, speakers often frame these prospects in the language of *vocation*.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=2277

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Graduation Service - Synod Resource Center

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How to Honor High School Graduates in Sunday Worship Service

Graduation Sunday: A Proper Send-Off by Stan Loyd

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/worship-service-planning-graduation-sunday>

Images for Honor High School Graduates in Sunday Worship Service

Rachel Wrenn - Profile - Working Preacher

[Preaching to Grads](#)

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Images for Preaching to Grads

Stories for a Grad's Heart: Over One Hundred Treasures to Touch Your Soul (Stories for the Heart) [Alice Gray]

Stories for a Grad's Heart arrives just in time to mark your high school or college graduation occasion. These uplifting and motivating stories about "Cheering You On," "Choosing Success," "Fulfilling Your Dreams," and "Finding Inspiration" are sure to resonate with both male and female grads. A classic cover design surrounds this exciting collection of inspirational stories, quotes, and anecdotes that comprise the perfect gift for the graduate you're saluting!

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Prayer of the Day

Graduate Message

Special Music

Forever Young by Bob Dylan

[Forever Young | The Official Bob Dylan Site](#)

<http://www.bobdylan.com/us/songs/forever-young>

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Start the Summer Out Right by Coming to Services of Worship on June 7

To be sure, summer is a time of greater mobility with the warmer weather and children out of school. Come as able to services of worship this summer beginning the first Sunday of June! Please remember your congregation with your financial support when you are gone.

Litany for Towns and Neighborhoods on June 7

A special Litany for Towns and Neighborhoods will be offered at worship on Sunday. This will be a way for the faith community to lift up in assembly the well-being of towns and neighborhoods on the weekend of the community fair June 5-7.

[Litany composed of petitions taken from Civic Life, Government, Nations from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* on page 76.]

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

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

Blessing of Bicycles and Other Wheeled Things

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A Blessing of the Bicycles - Patheos

As a way of acknowledging the inherent goodness of God's gifts of life and health and the humble but elegant bicycle we decided to conduct a Blessing of the Bicycles for the entire Denver cycling community (this is the 4th annual!).

www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2012/06/a-blessing-of-the-bicycles/

[Images for Blessing of the Bicycles](#)

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

[Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Blessing of Bicycles](#)

Two-wheeled welcome by Susan B. Barnes – Living Lutheran

For refugees in House, transportation to work can often make or break job security. Just ask Abdulhannan Sheikho, a Syrian refugee recently resettled there. He received a free bike from Freewheels Houston, which “saved my job as I was using it to [commute] before I bought my first car.”

This is the kind of support Freewheels Houston, a ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church, seeks to offer its new neighbors.



<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/may-9/>

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Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Emphasis on June 14

Our partnership with the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin will be the special emphasis. Giving the message will be Rev. Todd Iverson, Assistant to the Bishop. The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod is composed of 212 congregations, over 106,300 members, and nearly 300 clergy and rostered leaders. Synod means “walking together,” which describes the interdependent ministry relationships as we support mission partners, carry out synodical and

churchwide initiatives, provide for education events and leadership training, respond to disaster and emergency needs, and heed the call to be a church engaged in the world.

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Home

Welcome To The Northwest Synod Of Wisconsin - The Northwest Synod Of Wisconsin Is One Of 65 Synods Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America.

<http://nwswi.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/nwswi/>

Images for Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Worship is the place to be on Father's Day, June 21

What better way to honor God, our Heavenly Father, than by worshipping in God's house on Father's Day? We will be using a Litany for Blessing of Fathers and singing such familiar hymns as Children of the Heavenly Father. We hope to see all our earthly fathers and their families in church that day in order to wish them a Happy Father's Day!

Gathering Song	Faith of Our Fathers
Hymn of Praise	This Is My Father's World
Hymn of the Day	Our Father by Whose Name
Sending Song	Children of the Heavenly Father

Litany Blessing of the Fathers

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Father's Day Sermon and Worship Resources - Desperate Preacher

<http://desperatepreacher.com/fathersday.htm>

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FATHERS DAY VIDEO - YouTube

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

Images for Religious FATHERS DAY VIDEO - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh-JCKOjvTI> A Father's Day Thank You | FATHER'S DAY VIDEO - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT6S-YCqzQ> Father's Day - YouTube

Father's Day - Wikipedia

Father's Day is a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 as [Saint Joseph's Day](#) since the [Middle Ages](#). In America, Father's Day was founded by [Sonora Smart Dodd](#),^{[1][2][3]} and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. It is held on various days in many parts of the world all throughout the year, often in the months of March, May and June.

Father's day complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as [Mother's Day](#), [Siblings](#)

[Day and Grandparents' Day](#).^[4]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day

Images for Father's Day

Father's Day Worship Resources - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/05/fathers-day-worship-resources.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Father's Day Worship Resources](#)

Images for Father's Day Worship Resources – re:Worship

Mother's Day/Father's Day : Creative Communications - Protestant

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA/CPMTH/Mothers-DayFathers-Day.aspx>

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Images for Preaching and worship resources for Father's Day - textweek

What Does the Bible Say About Fatherhood? - OpenBible.info

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/fatherhood>

Images for Bible and Fatherhood

<http://christianity.about.com/od/peopleofthebible/tp/Fathers-In-The-Bible.htm>
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<https://bible.org/article/responsibilities-fatherhood-deuteronomy-61-19>
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/10-unforgettable-lessons-from-my-father-on-fatherhood>
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www.bible.ca/ef/expository-ephesians-6-4.htm Ephesians 6:4 - The Role of a Father - Bible.ca
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<https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/g201303/be-a-good-father/>
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<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/10-principles-for-christian-husbands-fathers/>
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<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/fatherhood-god/>
<https://www.thoughtco.com/fathers-in-the-bible-701219>
www.bible.ca/marriage/family-best-and-worst-fathers-dads-of-the-bible.htm
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<https://www.crossway.org/articles/12-bible-passages-for-overwhelmed-fathers/>
<http://965kvki.com/top-10-fathers-day-bible-verses/>
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2014/05/19/5-important-bible-verses-for-fathers-to-learn/>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/1040-God-fatherhood>
 Images for bible themes fatherhood

Preaching on Father's Day

I preached on the second reading for 5 Pentecost C on Father's Day 2016.

The purpose of the law

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are **Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.**

oremus Bible Browser: Galatians 3:23-29

<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=159521855>

Images for Abraham's offspring

Introduction

When I first came to this congregation last summer, I preached a sermon series on transition dynamics:

Reflection – heritage, identity, vision

Action – mission, leadership, connections.

Body

Today our second reading speaks of heritage and identity.

Opportunity to Do Good: The Letter to the Galatians, Craig Koester, *Word & World Texts in Context*, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, 1989.

Pentecost 5: Galatians 3:23-29

The third chapter of Galatians deals with the **identity** question: Who are we? What are our roots? What are the marks of our identity?... Christians are people with a rich **heritage**, who through Christ share in the inheritance promised to Abraham.

http://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/9-2_Mental_Health/9-2_Koester.pdf

Images for Opportunity to Do Good: The Letter to the Galatians, Craig Koester

Our heritage and identity can be traced to Father Abraham who is the patriarch for the three major religions.

Abrahamic religions - Wikipedia

As of 2005, it was estimated that 54% (3.6 billion people) of the world's population considered themselves adherents of an Abrahamic religion, about 32% adherents of other religions, and 16% adherents of no organized religion. Christianity is the largest Abrahamic faith, with 33% of the world's population, Islam is second with 21%, and Judaism has 0.2%.^{[12][13]}

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abrahamic_religions

Images for Abrahamic religions

On a lighter note, a children's song talks about how Father Abraham had many sons. Although there are actions associated with this song, I will not ask you to do them.

Father Abraham - Child Bible Songs

Father Abraham had many sons
Had many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them

And so are you

So, let's just praise the Lord

[Yell "right arm, left arm, right leg, left leg, chin up, turn around, sit down" and move all, as if marching. Sit down at the end.]

<http://childbiblesongs.com/song-27-father-abraham.shtml>

Images for Father Abraham - Child Bible Songs

Today is Father's Day. It becomes a time to give thanks, first of all, for God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; second of all, for Father Abraham; and third of all for earthly fathers.

Whereas, Martin Luther experienced his earthly father as strict and punitive, he came to know the heavenly God as gracious and loving.

THE SMALL CATECHISM

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; that He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life; that He protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE INTRODUCTION

Our Father, Who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him with all boldness and confidence, as children ask their dear father.

<https://www.blc.edu/comm/gargy/gargy1/ELSCatechism.htm>

Images for I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Martin Luther married at the age of 42 and grew to love his wife and children deeply.

Martin Luther and the Joy of Children | The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

<http://cbmw.org/topics/children/martin-luther-and-the-joy-of-children/>

Images for German Reformer Martin Luther and the Joy of Children

[PDF] Martin Luther on Marriage and Family - Digital Commons @ Andrews University

<http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=church-history-pubs>

Images for German Reformer Martin Luther on Marriage and Family

<http://www.emanuel.ro/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/P-2.1-2004-Carter-Lindberg-Martin-Luther-on-Marriage-and-the-Family.pdf>

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2017/june/marriage-lessons-from-luthers.html>

Conclusion

Martin Luther spoke fondly of the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Opportunity to Do Good: The Letter to the Galatians, Craig Koester, *Word & World Texts in Context*, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, 1989.

Luther once commented, "The Epistle to the Galatians is my epistle, to which I am betrothed. It is my Katie von Bora."¹

¹Lectures on Galatians 1535, Chapters 1-4, vol. 26 of Luther's Works (St. Louis: Concordia, 1963) ix.

http://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/9-2_Mental_Health/9-2_Koester.pdf

For Father's Day, 6/18/2017, I acknowledged the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by speaking of the witness of Martin Luther.

Martin Luther on Marriage as a School of Character

But the ongoing noise of Luther's household was not only due to their children but also to the many friends and students who were constantly at Luther's doorstep. One of the most outrageous examples occurred on the night of Martin and Katie's wedding. At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door. It was Carlstadt, who was fleeing from the Peasants' War, seeking a place to stay. Of course, the Luthers took him in. Carlstadt would not be the last. The Luthers took in the sick on many occasions. Most impressive, however, was the love the Luthers had for orphans. Martin and Katie adopted four orphaned children from their relatives, making a total of ten children (!) in the Luther household. Known for an open door, at times the

Luther family had up to 25 children and student boarders under their roof. Needless to say, this was no small task for Katie. Even the mealtimes in the Luther household were occupied. Martin's famous Table Talk came from the table where the Luthers had their supper. Students were always at his table asking questions into the late hours of the night. But the exhaustion was overwhelming, so much so that one night, when Martin was talking at the table, Katie went up to her room and literally passed out.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/martin-luther-on-marriage-as-a-school-of-character>

Images for Martin Luther on Marriage as a School of Character

<https://ericredmond.wordpress.com/2011/08/04/martin-luther-on-marriage-as-a-school-of-character/>

<https://livingbydesign.org/martin-luther-on-marriage/>

<http://religion.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-e-365> Martin Luther on Marriage and the Family - Oxford Research Encyclopedias

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/history/issues/issue-26/christian-history-sampler-martin-luther-on-marriage.html>

<https://livingbydesign.org/martin-luther-on-marriage/>

<https://doulloitheou.blog/2016/10/31/martin-luthers-marriage-and-family-life/>

Images for martin-luthers-marriage-and-family-life

On a lighter note, I related how on 4/7/2017, I had been invited to go on a charter bus trip to see The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up O Men at the Plymouth Playhouse.

Church Basement Ladies | Rise Up, O Men | CD Baby Music Store

Original Cast recording of The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up O Men. Inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin & Suzann Nelson including the best-seller Growing Up Lutheran. Produced by Curt Wollan at the Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth, MN.

5. Rise Up, O Men

11. Rise Up, O Men

<https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/churchbasementladies6>

Images for Church Basement Ladies | Rise Up, O Men | CD Baby Music Store

Weekend Showcase: "Rise Up, O Men" - YouTube

The Church Basement Ladies are back at the Plymouth Playhouse, but this time they're bringing to stage another Lutheran themed show with "Rise Up O Men" playing through early January.

There are a few new characters alongside the well known ladies in "Rise Up O Men".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86aTA0bKe9w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ETfXSvj07g> Rise Up, O Men Teaser - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJRkK-hgzQ> KMSP 6am CBL Rise Up O Men – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gkobOkbHx8> KMSP 7am CBL Rise Up O Men - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUWkwGivseQ> WCCO 9am CBL Rise Up O Men – YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYvAK_NxAg Church Basement Ladies Debut 'Rise Up O Men' – YouTube

Images for the church basement ladies in rise up, o men

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Now more than ever, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service invites you to celebrate Refugee Sunday.

Resources

Refugee Sunday – Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Today, for the first time since World War II, there are more than 50 million refugees in the world. Yet Lutherans are not discouraged: we continue to meet conflict, war, and persecution with God's love.

Whether the people in your congregation are new to assisting refugees, have a history of newcomer ministry, or are newcomers themselves, you can observe Refugee Sunday and create a meaningful experience with LIRS's Refugee Sunday worship materials and Rebuilding Hope newsletter.

<http://refugeesunday.lirs.org/>

Images for Refugee Sunday – Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

<http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>

<http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7893> ELCA presiding bishop World Refugee Day message

What Does the Bible Say About Refugees? - OpenBible.info

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

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<https://relevantmagazine.com/god/what-bible-says-about-how-treat-refugees>

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/cwn/2017/february/9-things-the-bible-says-you-should-do-for-refugees>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2017/06/bible-verses-for-world-refugee-day/>

<http://iafr.org/youversion/downloads/day2-refugees-in-the-bible.pdf>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/blogs/jesus-economy/refugees-of-the-bible-and-what-it-means-to-be-christian.html>

<https://religionnews.com/2017/01/30/what-the-bible-says-about-welcoming-refugees/>

Images for bible-welcoming-refugees

Come to meetin' to sing gospel music on June 28: Pie and ice cream social to follow

Our church is known as a place with a love of music and eager voices. Besides, Lutherans are known as singing people. So, now that we are in the middle of the summer, we want to set us aside one Sunday for singing some of those good old gospel songs. This gospel music service will be led by our own praise team together with additional singers. If throngs of people gather down the road for country music at the country music festival, we can gather at church for gospel music. Plan to stay for a pie and ice cream social following the service of worship. Leave the church that day with a song in your heart and a smile on your face.

Home Page - Country Fest I Cadott Wisconsin

June 25-28, 2015. Country Fest in Cadott WI. Largest 4-Day Country Music & Camping Event in the US. 30+ bands. 5 stages of all-day entertainment.

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

[Images for country fest in cadott, wisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/pg/countryfest/photos/)

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/countryfest/photos/>

<https://www.facebook.com/countryfest/>

<https://www.countryfest.com/fest-experience/fest-photos/>

[At another setting, I offered this Gospel Music Service at a Church in the Barn summer tradition for an open country congregation. They combined this practice with a Drive Your Tractor to Service Sunday. Earlier that summer, I preached at the Independence Weekend Service at the nearby village park where a polka choir led the gathering music, service music, and sending music.]

Gathering Music	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Gathering Song	Great is Thy Faithfulness
Song of Mercy	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Song of Praise	What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Special Music	Will the Circle Be Unbroken

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN CHORDS

http://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/n/nitty_gritty_dirt_band/will_the_circle_be_unbroken_ver2_crd.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLFbUbmH7To> Johnny Cash & Family - Will The Circle Be Unbroken - YouTube

[Images for Will The Circle Be Unbroken - YouTube](#)

Song of the Day	When Peace Like a River
Offering Song	When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

[When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder - Hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org/text/when_the_roll_is_called_up_yonder)

https://hymnary.org/text/when_the_roll_is_called_up_yonder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifISVkfMC7s> The Statler Brothers - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder - YouTube

[Images for When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder - YouTube](#)

Prayer Song	How Long Has It Been
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[How Long Has It Been lyrics chords - Classic Country Music Lyrics](#)

<http://www.classic-country-song-lyrics.com/howlonghasitbeenlyricschords.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUQVFdJQA0Q> Gospel - Jim Reeves - How Long Has it Been - YouTube

[Images for How Long Has it Been - YouTube](#)

Sending Song	Blessed Assurance
Sending Music	I'll Fly Away

[I'll Fly Away chords & tabs by Jars of Clay @ 911Tabs](#)

http://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/j/jars_of_clay/ill_fly_away_crd.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEGLGFbPM-8> Jars of Clay- I'll Fly Away- with lyrics - YouTube

[Images for I'll Fly Away - YouTube](#)

Resources

Gospel music - Wikipedia

Gospel music is a music genre in [Christian music](#). The creation, performance, significance, and even the definition of gospel music varies according to culture and social context. Gospel music is composed and performed for many purposes, including aesthetic pleasure, religious or ceremonial purposes, and as an entertainment product for the marketplace. Gospel music usually has dominant vocals (often with strong use of harmony) with Christian lyrics. Gospel music can be traced to the early 17th century,^[1] with roots in the black oral tradition. [Hymns](#) and sacred songs were repeated in a [call and response](#) fashion. Most of the churches relied on hand clapping and foot stomping as rhythmic accompaniment. Most of the singing was done [a cappella](#).^[2] The first published use of the term "Gospel Song" probably appeared in 1874. The original gospel songs were written and composed by authors such as [George F. Root](#), [Philip Bliss](#), [Charles H. Gabriel](#), [William Howard Doane](#), and [Fanny Crosby](#).^[3] Gospel music publishing houses emerged. The advent of radio in the 1920s greatly increased the audience for gospel music. Following [World War II](#), gospel music moved into major auditoriums, and gospel music concerts became quite elaborate.^[4]



Mahalia Jackson is known as the "Queen of Gospel".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gospel_music

Images for Gospel music

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Gospel

Images for Southern gospel

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_black_gospel

Images for Traditional black gospel

History of Gospel Music - textweek

At NPR's All Things Considered, "A History of Gospel Music":

The roots of gospel music are not well documented. Early recordings were lost. Stories behind the songs weren't written down.

A new book recounts the history of the beloved American art form. NPR's Michele Norris discusses the rich history of gospel and spirituals with Robert Darden, author of *People Get Ready*.

http://textweek.blogs.com/textweek/2004/12/history_of_gosp.html

[Images for History of Gospel Music](#)

Give thanks to God for the gift of independence on Sunday, July 5

Combine your devotion to God with love of country by coming to worship on the Sunday of Independence Day weekend. Take part in an Independence Day litany and sing national hymns. We pray God will give grateful hearts to all who enjoy freedom and lead us to exercise our freedoms with care, and that God will assist all who still seek liberty in this world!

Gathering Song	God Bless Our Native Land
Hymn of Praise	Lift Every Voice and Sing
Hymn of the Day	O God of Every Nation
Sending Song	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
	God Bless America – Bless All Nations, Lord

1. God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, My home sweet home,
God bless America, My home sweet home.
2. Bless all the nations, Lord, not us alone.
Bless all leaders with wisdom
With the light shining bright from your throne.
Bless the homeless, and the hopeless,
All the children, lost and lone.
Bless all the nations, Lord, Not us alone.
Bless all the nations, Lord, Not us alone.
3. Help us to love the world, just as you do.
Fill our hearts, Lord, with Christ's love.
That we all may give glory to you.
Bless the hungry, and the weary,
Show us all what we can do.
Help us to love the world, Just as you do.
Bring peace to all the world, We trust in you.

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Litany

[Litany composed of petitions taken from Civic Life, Government, Nations from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Page 76.]

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

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

Resources

[A Patriotic Celebration of Freedom - Synod Resource Center](#)

http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/other/0012/celebration_of_freedom.html

Images for Patriotic Celebration of Freedom

Independence Day Litany - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/litany-for-independence-day.html>

Images for Independence Day Litany - re:Worship

Independence Day Worship Resources Textweek

www.textweek.com/festivals/independence_day.htm

Images for Independence Day Worship Resources Textweek

http://textweek.blogs.com/textweek/2005/06/independence_da.html

Christmas in July Resources

Christmas in July Sunday | Ministry Matters™

Consider these ideas to plan your own Christmas in July Sunday this year:

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3940/christmas-in-july-sunday>

Images for Christmas in July Sunday | Ministry Matters™

Christmas in July - Wikipedia

Christmas in July is a term describing [Christmas](#) celebrations held in the month of [July](#), the nature of which differs by hemisphere.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_in_July

Images for christmas in july

History of Christmas in July - TheHolidaySpot

An unofficial holiday, Christmas in July imitates the festivities of the actual Christmas and signifies our yearning for the coolness of winter amid the scorching summer months.

http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas_in_july/history.htm

Images for history of christmas in july

Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1-13 17PentecostC - 2016

Gathering	Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Song of Mercy	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Song of Praise	Lord, Be Glorified
Gospel Acclamation	Seek Ye First
Hymn of the Day	Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright
	Tune: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Prayer Song	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Offering Song	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Lord's Prayer	Our Father, God in Heaven Above
Songs during Communion	Day by Day
	Jesus, the Very Thought of You
Sending Song	O God of Love, O King of Peace

Resources

Best 25+ Our lord's prayer ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/our-lord's-prayer/>

Images for lord's prayer on pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/caranjoseph/lord-s-prayer/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/esl52/the-lords-prayer-for-children/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/lords-prayer-crafts/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/dioaladirectors/the-lords-prayer/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/hbarfarm/lord-s-prayer-lesson/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/hscottsdaleumc/lords-prayer-milestone/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/traceywinfrow/lords-prayer/>

www.lovethepic.com/image/132516/lord's-prayer

Lord's Prayer - Wikipedia

The Lord's Prayer (also called the Our Father or *Pater Noster*, among other names) is a venerated [Christian prayer](#) that, according to the [New Testament](#), [Jesus](#) taught as the way to pray.^[1] Two versions of this prayer are recorded: the long form in the [Gospel of Matthew](#) in the middle of the [Sermon on the Mount](#), and the short form in the [Gospel of Luke](#) when "one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John [the Baptist] taught his disciples.'^[2]

The first three of the seven [petitions](#) in Matthew address God; the other four are related to human needs and concerns. The Matthew account alone includes the "Your will be done" and the "Rescue us from the evil one" (or "Deliver us from evil")

petitions. Both original Greek texts contain the adjective *epiousios*, which does not appear in any other classical or Koine Greek literature; while controversial, "daily" has been the most common English-language translation of this word. Some Christians, particularly Protestants, conclude the prayer with a *doxology*, a later *addendum* appearing in some manuscripts of Matthew.



James Tissot – *The Lord's Prayer* (*Le Pater Noster*) – Brooklyn Museum

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

<http://www.textweek.com/mtlk/matt6a.htm> Matthew 6:1-21 - Textweek

Images for Matthew 6:1-21 - 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

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

https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=2919 The Lord's Prayer - Working Preacher. Commentary on Luke 11:2-14. Notes for a four-week preaching series on the Lord's Prayer.

https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1703 Matthew 6:9-13 Commentary by Craig R. Koester

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2064> The Lord's Prayer and Its Relevance in Today's Context by

Surekha Velavala – Craft of Preaching - Working Preacher

https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1724 Luke 11:1-13 Commentary by Elisabeth Johnson

https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=719 Luke 11:1-13 Commentary by David Lose

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=2654> Teach Us to Pray by David Lose - Craft of Preaching - Working Preacher

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1492> The Other Lord's Prayer by David Lose - Craft of Preaching

[PDF] Preaching the Lord's Prayer - Word & World - Luther Seminary

The Lord's Prayer can be fertile ground in which preachers may work and from which a rich produce of the word may spring.

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/22-1_Lords_Prayer/22-1_Jacobson.pdf

Images for Preaching the Lord's Prayer - Word & World - Luther Seminary

Sermons on the Lord's Prayer - Faith Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer: A Model for Prayer & Life

An 8-Part Expository Sermon Series by Pastor Jason Van Bommel

<http://www.faithpcacheraw.org/menu/id/65/Sermons%20on%20the%20Lord's%20Prayer>

Images for Sermons on the Lord's Prayer

The prayer that Jesus taught us: A relational and communal life - The Lutheran Magazine

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When You Pray: The Lord's Prayer with Dr. James Nestingen

Nestingen, 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 When You Pray: The Lord's Prayer with Dr. James Nestingen

The following is the order for the chapel service on the opening day of **Mid-Winter Convocation 2016. Translating the Reformation: Martin Luther as Pastoral Theologian - Luther Seminary**

Prelude

Welcome and Invitation to Prayer

Confession Out of the Depths I Cry to You

Absolution

Sharing of the Peace

Acclamation

Scripture Readings

Genesis 32:22-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Michael Chan

Prayer That Prevails. Michael J. Chan, Joshua C. Miller – Word and World

The prayer that prevails is the prayer to God against God, the prayer that holds God to the promises of the gospel despite all appearances to the contrary, the prayer that God wants to answer.

Prayer (Winter 2015) - Word and World

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https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3826 Prayer That Prevails

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Prayers of Intercession

Our Father, God in Heaven Above

Stanzas 1-2, Prayer Petition; 3-4, Prayer Petition; 5-6, Prayer Petition; 7

Blessing

Hymn

Our Father, God in Heaven Above Stanzas 8-9

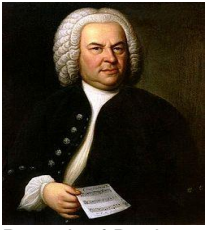
Postlude

Commemoration of Lutheran Composer, J. S. Bach, on July 26

Johann Sebastian Bach is recognized as one of the great Lutheran composers of all time. He died July 28, 1750, and so on the anniversary of his death, a Commemoration of J. S. Bach is offered at worship. Come to sing some of his hymns and to listen to the organ and piano ring with the playing of his compositions.

Johann Sebastian Bach - Wikipedia

Religious music was at the centre of Bach's output for much of his life. The hundreds of sacred works he created are usually seen as manifesting not just his craft but a truly devout relationship with God.^{[96][97]} He had taught [Luther's Small Catechism](#) as the *Thomaskantor* in Leipzig, and some of his pieces represent it.^[98] The [Lutheran chorale](#) was the basis of much of his work. In elaborating these hymns into his chorale preludes, he wrote more cogent and tightly integrated works than most, even when they were massive and lengthy.^[citation needed] The large-scale structure of every major Bach sacred vocal work is evidence of subtle, elaborate planning to create a religiously and musically powerful expression. For example, the *St Matthew Passion*, like other works of its kind, illustrated the [Passion](#) with Bible text reflected in recitatives, arias, choruses, and chorales; but in crafting this work, Bach created an overall experience that has been found over the centuries since to be both musically thrilling and spiritually profound.^[99]



Portrait of Bach, aged 61, Haussmann, 1748

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johann_Sebastian_Bach

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johann_Sebastian_Bach

Images for Johann Sebastian Bach

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_compositions_by_Johann_Sebastian_Bach

Gathering Song Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

[Service Book and Hymnal - Wikipedia](#)

Hymn 188, Second Tune. adapted and harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service_Book_and_Hymnal

Song of Mercy Our Father, We Have Wandered

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

Hymn 876. arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

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

Hymn of the Day Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

[Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - The Cyber Hymnal](#)

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/html/e/jesujomd.htm>

Communion Hymn O Holy Spirit, Enter In

[Service Book and Hymnal - Wikipedia](#)

Hymn 120. Adapted and harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service_Book_and_Hymnal

Sending Song Let the Whole Creation Cry

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

Hymn 606. arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

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

Resources

[A passionate journey: Singing Bach takes me into prayer | The Lutheran](#)

"And when they had crucified him ..." (Matthew 27:35).

I didn't see Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* last Lent. I chose to linger in Jesus' passion differently: rehearsing and eventually performing J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*.

Like a child learning to read, I wanted to let the images emerge from my imaginative encounter with the story unfolding, rather than from an external visual display. And the Bach *Passion* is perfect for this journey.

For those performing and hearing it — most of all for the choir and vocal soloists who spend months "inside" the words and music in rehearsal — this three-and-a-half-hour *Passion* takes us into the very heart of Jesus' suffering, love and death.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=502

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[Bach beyond words: Pictures, CD make biography special | The Lutheran](#)

There is always more to learn about that most-Lutheran composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Fortress Press recently issued an English translation of *Johann Sebastian Bach: His Life in Pictures and Documents* (2005). The author is biographer and filmmaker Hans Conrad Fischer.

But there's even more than text, pictures and documents. A CD features performances representing all the major categories of Bach's compositions is included. This package is a good introduction to the man and his music. It's enjoyable to alternate reading the book and listening to the CD—a rare feast for both eyes and ears.

http://www.thelutheran.org/about/person_detail.cfm?person_id=45

Images for Bach beyond words: Pictures, CD make biography special | The Lutheran

Bach for All Seasons Choirbook - Augsburg Fortress

This accessible collection of Johann Sebastian Bach's vocal works (choral movements and chorales from cantatas and other works) encompass the entire liturgical year. With an entry for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Triduum, Easter, Pentecost, Reformation, November, and more, you can easily program a year of Bach for your choir!

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/3612/Bach-for-All-Seasons-Choirbook>

Images for Bach for All Seasons Choirbook - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/3613/Bach-for-All-Seasons-CD>

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/3710/Bach-for-All-Seasons>

Back to Bach: On this 250th anniversary of the composer's death, hear again a new song of faith | The Lutheran

As a young music student in his native Germany, Helmuth Rilling rode his bicycle to a church 30 miles away to hear J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* and the *Mass in B Minor*.

"We just wanted to hear Bach," remembers Rilling, an internationally acclaimed conductor and founder/artistic director of the International Bach Academy in Stuttgart. "It wasn't important how it was done, but that it was done."

Lutherans like Rilling and others worldwide this year are celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, who was born in 1685 in Eisenach, Germany, and died at 65 in Leipzig. July 28, 2000, marks the 250th anniversary of Bach's death.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=3496

Images for Back to Bach: On this 250th anniversary of the composer's death | The Lutheran

Johann Sebastian Bach | Biography, Music, & Facts | Britannica.com

As director of church music for the city of Leipzig, Bach had to supply performers for four churches. At the Peterskirche, the choir merely led the [hymns](#). At the Neue Kirche, Nikolaikirche, and Thomaskirche, part singing was required; but Bach himself conducted, and his own church music was performed, only at the last two. His first official performance was on May 30, 1723, the first Sunday after [Trinity Sunday](#), with Cantata No. 75, *Die Elenden sollen essen*. New works produced during this year include many cantatas and the *Magnificat* in its first version. The first half of 1724 saw the production of the *St. John Passion*, which was subsequently revised. The total number of [cantatas](#) produced during this [ecclesiastical](#) year was about 62, of which about 39 were new works.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Johann-Sebastian-Bach>

Images for Johann Sebastian Bach | Biography, Music, & Facts | Britannica.com

Johann Sebastian Bach facts, information, pictures | Encyclopedia.com

Johann Sebastian Bach was born on March 21, 1685, in Eisenach, the youngest child of Johann Ambrosius Bach, organist at St. George's Church, and Elizabeth Lämmerhirt Bach. He was the culmination of the family's long line of musicians, beginning with his great-grandfather, Veit Bach, who was a professional violinist in Gotha, and the name Bach was considered a synonym for musician. The Bach family was extremely loyal to the Lutheran faith. Throughout the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) the religious turmoil affected four generations of Bachs, who remained unwaveringly faithful to their Lutheran persuasion.

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/people/literature-and-arts/music-history-composers-and-performers-biographies/johann-sebastian-bach>

Images for Johann Sebastian Bach facts, information, pictures | Encyclopedia.com

Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician by Christoph Wolff (Author)

Finalist for the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in Biography. A landmark biography of Bach on the 250th anniversary of the composer's death, written by the leading Bach scholar of our age.

Although we have heard the music of J. S. Bach in countless performances and recordings, the composer himself still comes across only as an enigmatic figure in a single familiar portrait. As we mark the 250th anniversary of Bach's death, author Christoph Wolff presents a new picture that brings to life this towering figure of the Baroque era. This engaging new biography portrays Bach as the living, breathing, and sometimes imperfect human being that he was, while bringing to bear all the advances of the last half-century of Bach scholarship. Wolff demonstrates the intimate connection between the composer's life and his music, showing how Bach's superb inventiveness pervaded his career as musician, composer, performer, scholar, and teacher. And throughout, we see Bach in the broader context of his time: its institutions, traditions, and influences. With this highly readable book, Wolff sets a new standard for Bach biography.

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Images for Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician by Christoph Wolff (Author)

Sebastian: A Book about Bach: Jeanette Winter

A long time ago, a boy named Sebastian was born into a family of musicians. He heard music everywhere, especially in his own head, and he wrote down what he heard. Sebastian married, raised a family, and wrote more than a thousand pieces of music. He also created a little book of music especially for his wife, Anna Magdalena, so that in the evenings the whole family

could make music together. Hundreds of years after his death, Bach's music is heard and played all over the world. Many people think it is some of the most glorious music ever written. And today young students - like Bach's own children - can learn to play the music from Anna Magdalena's notebook.

<http://www.amazon.com/Sebastian-A-Book-about-Bach/dp/015200629X>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=015200629X>

Images for Sebastian: A Book about Bach: Jeanette Winter

Soli Deo Gloria Children's Sermon | Sermons4Kids

<http://www.sermons4kids.com/soli-deo-gloria.html>

Images for Soli Deo Gloria Children's Sermon | Sermons4Kids

The Best of Bach - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JQm5aSjX6g>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfSDX-yX8fY> Bach - Classical Masterpieces - YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EY5RcR-LQj4> The Best of BACH - 5 HOURS of Classical Music - YouTube

County Fair Service on August 16 at 9am

This congregation and our neighboring congregation will join with people from the county for a county fair service on the fairgrounds. It's a time to get together for worship at the summer county get together. Spread the word. Invite the neighbors.

Gathering

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song For the Beauty of the Earth

Greeting

Hymn of Praise Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of the Day

Litany for a County Fair Worship Service

[Litany composed of petitions taken from Civic Life, Government, Nations from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Page 76.]

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

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Children's Message

Special Music America the Beautiful

Word

Reading 1 Kings 19:9-15a

Psalm Psalm 105:1-4

Gospel Matthew 14:33-33

Sermon God Sightings

Hymn of the Day This Is My Father's World

Creed

Prayers

Thanksgiving

Offering

Offering Song For the Fruit of All Creation

Lord's Prayer

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song Now Thank We All Our God

Dismissal

Sending Music

Commemoration of Mary, Mother of Our Lord on August 14

The church honors Mary with the Greek title *theotokos*, meaning God-bearer. The honor paid to Mary as *theotokos* and Mother of our Lord goes back to biblical times, when Mary herself sang, "from now on all generations will call me blessed." (Luke 1:48) In addition there will be special music in the form of a rendition of *Ava Maria*.

Gathering Song	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	
Hymn of Praise	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 1-5
Special Music	Ave Maria	
Hymn of the Day	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 6-11
Sending Song	Savior of the Nations, Come	
	Music: Alternate tune – Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word	

Resources

Mary: A model, means and mirror for many throughout history | The Lutheran

Mark W. Oldenburg: Surprisingly and unfortunately, Mary doesn't seem to be among the top 10 topics for conversation among American Lutherans. Yes, we mention her every time we confess the creeds. But, compared to many of our Christian sisters and brothers, we don't pay much attention to her otherwise.

Only three ELCA congregations seem to be named for her, while Paul gets 521 and even James gets 95. We even seem afraid of including her in our prayers.

When the Service Book and Hymnal was introduced in 1958, the only criticism I could find of its hymns related to "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," in which we call on the "bearer of the eternal Word" to magnify the Lord. People were concerned that we were praying to Mary. Yet no one seemed to mind it 20 years later when, in "Earth and All Stars," we did the same thing for test tubes and dry leaves.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=10891

Images for Mary: A model, means and mirror for many throughout history | The Lutheran

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

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

Mary, mother of Jesus - Wikipedia

Mary^[c] was a first-century Galilean Jewish^[2] woman of Nazareth, the wife of Joseph, and the mother of Jesus, according to the canonical gospels and the Quran.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament and the Quran describe Mary as a virgin.^[3] In Matthew and Luke she is betrothed to Joseph.^[4] According to Christian theology she conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit while still a virgin. She accompanied Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.^[5]



The Madonna in Sorrow, by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato, 17th century.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary,_mother_of_Jesus

Images for Mary, mother of Jesus

Pointing the way: In Luther's vision, Mary is a path to God | The Lutheran

The story of the Nativity was, for Martin Luther, also a story about Mary. When he preached about Christmas, he sought to correct centuries of impressions that led people to see Christ as one to be feared—but his mother ready to embrace them.

Luther described Jesus' birth in plain language: the dirtiness of the inn, the lack of help in delivering the baby, the cold manger without warm water to comfort and wash. "I am amazed that the little one did not freeze," he reflected. And then he offered a meditation on the meaning of the Nativity as a glimpse into Christ's graciousness.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=6203

Images for Pointing the way: In Luther's vision, Mary is a path to God | The Lutheran

Schubert - Ave Maria - YouTube

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Images for Schubert - Ave Maria - YouTube

St Mary - Textweek

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Images for St Mary - Textweek

http://www.textweek.com/festivals/assumption_mary.htm

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Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

August 15: Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Year A - Page 261

Year B - Page 240

Year C - Page 257

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www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/article/opr/t94/e1212 Mary, mother of Jesus - Oxford Biblical Studies Online

Images for Mary, mother of Jesus - Oxford Biblical Studies Online

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<https://christiananswers.net/dictionary/mary-motherofjesus.html>

With an eye on Mary: As her image evolves through the ages, so does our understanding of Christ - The Lutheran Magazine

There she sits, in her tender glory. She seems rather fragile. But then we realize that she has survived seven centuries — some of them outrageously hostile to her kind — roughly intact. Weather-worn, she is still graceful and lovely: the slight forward lean, the way the wind has caught her robe, the slight hint of a sad smile. The carver's exquisite work has endured. The color, sadly, is practically gone: one blue eye of lapis lazuli stone and a few traces of pigment are all that remain. Imagine, if you haven't already, how she would feel to the touch.

...This is the best way to start. The textbooks and the catalogs often identify this statue as an example of the Sedes Sapientiae, Mary as the "seat of wisdom."

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=3473

Images for With an eye on Mary: As her image evolves through the ages, so does our understanding of Christ

Christian bluegrass music service on August 23

Come to worship for a Christian bluegrass music service led by the Alzen Family. They enjoy making toe-tapping, bluegrass music. The family consists of dad on guitar and banjo, mom on harmonica, and four children: one son on upright bass fiddle; another son on whiz-bang (washboard with horns and whistles); a daughter on mandolin, fiddle, and guitar; and another daughter on fiddle, banjo, and mandolin. Each family member sings, and the variation of a deep bass voice to a powerful soprano provides a great variety and interest in their music. A free-will offering will be taken to be used for the adoption of two young boys from overseas. All are cordially invited to attend as this area family glorifies God with their high energy music!

Combine fast pickin', tight-knit harmonies, and over-flowing joy, and the result is the talented Alzen Family. Hailing from Roberts, Wisconsin, this family of eight loves to merge their musical abilities with their strong faith to gladden people's hearts with music and the love of Jesus Christ.

Brad and Denise, along with their six children (Isaac, Lucas, AnaLise, Tessa, Jacob, and Jonas) have been singing gospel music since 2005, getting their start after being inspired by some good ole' bluegrass music at the Minnesota State Fair. They utilize fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo, dobro, bass, harmonica, ukulele, musical saw, strumstick, and a whiz-bang to create uplifting arrangements of hymns, gospel bluegrass numbers, Celtic music and instrumentals, as well as other fun songs the whole family will enjoy.

The music highlights the singing and high-energy playing of the Alzen children, and consists of a wide variety of family-oriented bluegrass, gospel bluegrass, and old-time music & hymns with four-part vocal harmonies, along with silly songs for children. To add a visual dimension, Denise also uses sign language to give added expression to some songs. The Alzen Family also likes to share personal stories and testimonies with their audiences.

The Alzen Family



<http://alzenfamily.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alzen-Family-Band/299726589652>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gdBYxLoGSQ> Alzen Family at, Silver Dollar City, Branson, MO - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCbxomEDbKA> The Alzen Family - Live in Concert - YouTube

<http://www.alzenfamily.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.fogma.org/alzenfamily.html>
 Images for Alzen Family

I have also invited the Kings Countrymen to lead their service of worship at congregations I have served.

Kings Countrymen Bluegrass Gospel



<http://www.kingscountrymen.com/>
 Images for Kings Countrymen Bluegrass Gospel
<http://schultzfam92.wix.com/band#!about-us/cap1>
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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kings-Countrymen-Bluegrass-Gospel-Group/171138153042342>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-mj5zqGwiQ> This World is not my home, by Kings Countrymen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbi67Fr0UZ0> Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand, by Kings Countrymen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBhlzqLmOg8> Satisfied, by the King's Countrymen – YouTube
 Images for King's Countrymen – YouTube

Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults on August 30

Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults will be observed in the endeavor to help all worshipers to recognize each day as a day of grace and each year as a gift from God. Using the resources of The Association of Lutheran Older Adults, the worship will affirm the worth of older adults and seek to challenge our seasoned folk for service to God, neighbors, and the community.

[This emphasis works well on one of the Sundays when the first reading in the lectionary speaks of Abraham and Sarah. Otherwise here are some suggested readings.]

First Genesis 18:9-15
 Psalm 92:12-15
 Second Titus 2:2-3
 Gospel Luke 2:36-38

Gathering Song We Have Seen the Years
 Music: Tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves"

1 Singing in the morning, singing songs of gladness;
 And again at noontime, To our Lord and King.
 Singing in the evening As the day is ending;
 We shall go on singing songs of love and praise.

Refrain We have seen the years, we have seen the years.
 Thank you, Heavenly Father, Thank you for our years. (2X)

2 We are known as seniors by young and old folks too;
 This makes us most special, As we'll prove to you.
 Life's a special blessing From childhood through the years;
 Even though youth's over, We are not in tears. *Refrain*

3 Do not be discouraged, For as the years go by;
 You are loved most dearly, Apple of His eye.
 When He comes to call you To live with Him above;
 Thank Him most sincerely, Thank Him for His love. *Refrain*

Hymn of the Day Borning Cry

Sending Song Oh, Bless the Years
 Music: Tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior"

1 Oh, bless the years forthcoming, As you have in the past;
 Through childhood's years of pleasure, And youthful hopes were cast.

- Your love continue onward Through all the passing years;
Continue, Lord, we pray you to banish all our fears.
- 2 Your grace is all surpassing As years and years roll by;
And in our middle ages Your blessings multiply.
Oh, Lord, how can we thank you, Our hearts to you we bring.
We bow in adoration, Oh, hear us as we sing.
- 3 'Tis our prayer, dear Father, For all our years of life;
From infancy to old age, Preserve us from all strife;
Then shall we sing your praises As through the years you bless;
And fill our lives with goodness, And love and happiness.
- 4 Now as the sun is setting, On all those whom you love;
Prepare a place in heaven To live with you above;
Where with the King of Glory, They will forever be;
All through the countless ages, Through all eternity.

Prayer of the Day

Bless the Years

O God, whose children we are, help us recall all the ways and times you have proved to be our loving parent;

for it is you, Lord, who provided us with those who cared for us in infancy, affording shelter, protection, nourishment, and care, while we neither realized these were our needs nor knew who they were who gave us such care.

O God, whose children we are, help us recall the joys of our childhood;

for it is you, Lord, who has surprised us with the color of sunsets, the brightness of stars, the fragrance of flowers, and the songs of the birds, the laughter of friends, the warmth of beds that welcomed us after exhausting play, and the soft voices of those who spoke with us our evening prayers.

O God, whose children we are, help us recall your protecting hand attending us as years have passed;

for, it is you, Lord, who gave your Son for us, experiencing in His whip and cross and nails deep pain and loss, who knows and feels our every loss, assuring us that you will never leave us nor forsake us in our heavyheartedness.

O God, whose children we are, help us to see the gift that is ours in this community of faith we call church;

for it is you, Lord, who looked beyond what we have been and are, who in the waters of baptism marked us as your very own, members of your family, to be and behave as loving sisters and brothers of one another.

O God, whose children we are, help us as we grow older,

to grow wiser, to grow in our thankfulness, to grow in our sense of responsibility, that we may use the gifts of grace, experience, skill, time, and all our resources for service to you and our neighbor, through Jesus Christ, our brother and Savior. Amen.

Printed worship resources provided by the Association of Lutheran Older Adults.

Resources

Anna the Prophetess - Wikipedia

Anna ([Hebrew](#): חַנָּה, [Ancient Greek](#): Ἄννα) or Anna the Prophetess is a woman mentioned in the [Gospel of Luke](#). According to that Gospel, she was an elderly [Jewish woman](#) who [prophesied](#) about [Jesus](#) at the [Temple of Jerusalem](#). She appears in [Luke 2:36–38](#) during the [presentation of Jesus at the Temple](#).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_the_Prophetess

[Images for Anna the Prophetess](#)

Chicken Soup for the Golden Soul: Heartwarming Stories for People 60 and Over (Chicken Soup for the Soul) [Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Paul J. Meyer, Barbara Chesser, Amy Seeger]

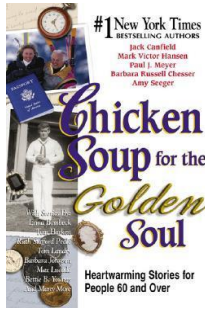
Do you remember when the milkman delivered and TV was a test pattern and a snowy channel? When Fibber McGee and Molly captured your imagination on Monday-night radio and cars had rumble seats and running boards? Then you are a golden soul, someone rich with experience who can embrace life with more freedom and perspective than you ever had when you were younger.

Through touching, entertaining and inspiring stories, this latest Chicken Soup collection shares the stories of people sixty and over who are redefining the expression "better with age" by greeting life's joys and challenges with grace, vibrancy and a positive attitude. Chapters include: Staying Young at Heart, Living Your Dream, On Overcoming, Reminiscing, On Love, Sharing with Others and Ageless Wisdom.

Although especially written for those sixty and over, each story conveys timeless truths about how anyone can live with maximum meaning and enjoyment.

Barbara Russell Chesser Ph.D., Amy Seeger and Paul J. Meyer join Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen in compiling *Chicken Soup for the Golden Soul*. This collection offers readers loving insights and wisdom--all centering on the prime of life. Contributors to this volume include Erma Bombeck, Ruth Stafford Peale, Tom Landry, Florence Littauer, Roy Rogers and Max Lucado. Readers of all ages are sure to cherish this invaluable collection as a reminder that the soul of those young at heart is truly "golden."

Divided into chapters on letting go, giving, learning, the lighter side, across the generations, overcoming obstacles, perspective, believing, living your dream, reminiscing and ageless wisdom, this book celebrates the myriad joys of living and the wisdom that comes from having lived. Readers at every stage of life will turn to this book again and again for the timeless wisdom that will help them live their lives to the fullest.



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Engaging in Ministry with Older Adults [Dosia Carlson]

In these pages, congregations will find information about the aging process as well as about implications for ministry. In addition to being beneficial for churches and synagogues, this book has a place in seminary education. Study groups may find especially useful the “Points to Ponder” page concluding each chapter. The questions found on those pages can also stimulate older readers to reflect on their life pilgrimage. If the illustrations sprinkled generously throughout the book motivate readers to adapt ideas or create their own responses to identified needs, then faithful engagement can result.

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Images for Engaging in Ministry with Older Adults [Dosia Carlson]

Older adults: The church's challenge – The Lutheran

A silent revolution is sweeping through churches in this country. More and more, older, rather than younger, adults occupy church pews. Yet many congregations aren't focusing on how to serve them and how these older adults can serve. “There are more of us, and more of us are growing older and living longer. That means we're not going away,” said Richard Bimler, 73, of [Lutheran Life Communities](#), Arlington Heights, Ill. He speaks to groups nationwide about health- and spiritual-related issues for older adults.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging estimates that there will be 72 million adults age 65 and older by 2030, more than twice the number in 2000. That total will account for almost one in five Americans.

And that aging population is mirrored in Lutheran churches. An [ELCA](#) report in 2008 (the most recent study) showed that the median age for people 15 to 99 who attend ELCA congregations is 58. Are churches focusing on these older adults?

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12253

Images for Older adults: The church's challenge – The Lutheran

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

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

Retiring with purpose – The Lutheran

While much is said about financial planning for retirement, little is mentioned about what to *do* during retirement. Unlike past generations, many of today's retirees have freedom, longevity and an ability to do things they want to do, not just what they have to do.

Purposeful Retirement, a ministry of [Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church](#) in Apple Valley, Minn., is designed to guide retirees as they enter what could well be their “second half” of life. It was inspired by a similar ministry at [Redeemer Lutheran Church](#) in nearby White Bear Lake and a workshop on older adult ministries organized by Lyngblomsten, an [ELCA](#)-affiliated social ministry organization.

By Trip Sullivan, communications director, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn.

Looking for more tips?

Check out the free podcasts at www.agelessfaith.org, a service of Lyngblomsten. For more information on Purposeful

Retirement, contact Duane Paetznick, pastor (duane.paetznick@sotv.org)

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12611

Images for Retiring with purpose – The Lutheran

[PDF] 2015 Older Adult Recognition Day Brochure-2

Bridging Past, Present & Future

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Images for Older Adult Recognition Day

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Faith in Daily Life on September 7 of Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day weekend provides an opportunity to reflect on faith in daily life. In Baptism, God calls us as “fellow workers in the kingdom of God.” Worship will be a time to explore the ways in which we employ our faith in daily life.

Gathering Hymn

God Is Here!

Hymn of Praise

Earth and All Stars

Hymn of the Day

Lord of All Hopefulness

Offering Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

Sending Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

First Genesis 18:9-15

Psalm 92:12-15

Second Titus 2:2-3

Gospel Luke 2:36-38

Greeting

When the heavens and the earth were created, God worked.

And God saw that it was good.

When all the living creatures were created, God worked.

And God saw that it was good.

God honors work and workers. Let us honor God, the first worker.

We give praise to God now and forever.

The rich presence of God, the beginning and end of all that is good be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Litany for Faith in Daily Life

Baptized into the fellow workers in the kingdom of God, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm those who are endeavoring to carry out faith in daily life.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who produce, distribute and prepare food; among them farmers, food store and restaurant workers, those who prepare food in the home, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with the gift of good. Through them, God

provides an endless variety of food to feed and nourish all people. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to be concerned for the hungry of the world, and to share our abundance with those in need. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who provide shelter: among them carpenters, contractors, plumbers, electricians, landlords, real estate agents, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with the gift of shelter. Through them God provides us with places to live. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to be concerned for the homeless, refugees, poor, and those who are victims of disaster. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who provide health care, including doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with good health. Through them, God provides us with the care we need. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to take care of our bodies and minds, gifts from God, and to be compassionate and helpful to those who are ill. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who provide our government, including our president and governor, members of Congress and the Legislature, council members and supervisors, law enforcement and military personnel, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with the gift of good government. Through them, God gives us orderly communities with fair and just leadership. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to participate in government, to be well informed, to vote, and to respect the laws of the land. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who shape mind and reason: among them teachers, administrators and staff, school boards, artists, writers, musicians, scientists, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with the gifts of developed minds and sound reason. Through them, God works to put our minds to good use, that we might address the wonders and the problems of this world. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to keep growing and learning, to encourage and to support one another. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

We give thanks for those who are in service occupations: including accountants, financial managers, office workers, custodians, mechanics, lawyers, and others. God has given them to us that we might be blessed with a well-run society. Through them God provides us with the help we need to solve our daily problems and keep our lives running smoothly. Their ministry reminds us of our responsibility to appreciate the countless things that are done for us by others. We pray that God will continue to bestow this blessing on us through them.

We give thanks to God.

Almighty God you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and you have called us to specific occupations, relationships, and activities using these gifts. Enable us to use our talents to witness to our faith in you and to communicate your love to the people we meet each day. Empower us to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope, and justice. Keep us steadfast in our commitment to serve actively in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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[Instead of printing the litany, I simply invite them to say the response and motion to them when it is time to do so.]

Profession of Faith *Small Catechism* of Martin Luther. The Creed. The First Article.

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Resources

[A service for the Sunday before Labor Day - Reformed Worship](https://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2004/people-had-mind-work-service-sunday-labor-day)

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2004/people-had-mind-work-service-sunday-labor-day>

Images for A service for the Sunday before Labor Day - Reformed Worship

From Sea to Shining Sea: A Service for National Holidays - Creative Communications

A complete order of service for all or any of the national holidays of the summer - Memorial Day, Independence Day, and **Labor Day**. The blessings that we receive from God extend across borders, cultures and communities and call to mind that we are united as a people of God to spread the news of Christ Jesus to every land and every tongue. The kit includes a thematic hymn to the tunes of God Bless Our Native Land and the hymn America the Beautiful (from which the title of the service is derived), along with readings, sermons, a children's sermon and prayers for all your national holiday needs.

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Images for Labour Day Worship Resources - re:Worship

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<http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Pentecost/Labor.html>

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Observe Labor Sunday - United Church of Christ

www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday

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<http://www.ucc.org/worship>

Reclaiming the "V" Word: Renewing Life at Its Vocational Core (Lutheran Voices) [Dave Daubert, Tana Kjos]

Centered in a definition of vocation that flows from Luther's conviction that all Christians share the same vocation but live it out in various occupations and roles, Reclaiming the "V" Word challenges readers to see themselves as instruments of God's mission as - church - wherever they are. From a strong foundation of Lutheran theology (reframed for twenty-first century application), the authors use real life stories and thoughtful exercises to help readers discern what this means for Christian life in today's world. Reclaiming the "V" Word inspires readers with a renewed sense of purpose and clarifies guiding principles that will help them shape their work and relationships in the world God loves.

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Images for Lutheran Voices

Sample Cartoons - patrish.com

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<http://www.patrish.com/tuck/Cartoons.html>

These boots are made for blessing | The Lutheran

Just weeks before the boot blessing, the congregation also blesses school backpacks. At least eight school districts are represented at **Elim**, which is located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Ogden. The poverty rate at the closest elementary school is 98 percent. So, the congregation collects school supplies to give to member children when the backpacks are blessed, but also donates to several classrooms at nearby Dee Elementary, Thomas said.

"One of the things I enjoy most about all the blessings we do is that they connect people's everyday life to their life of faith," said Simon (pastor@elimlutheran.org). "Blessings are a helpful reminder of God's presence with us all the time and everywhere — not just when we're at church or with a specific group of people."

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11521

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Background

Evangelizing and Serving Others

Craig Nesson of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa spoke on *Evangelizing and Serving Others* at the 2013 Mid-Winter Theological Event for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the ELCA. Listed below are characteristics of a Left Hand Strategy: Serving Others in our Stations in Life.

Family: Nutrition and Nurture

Daily Work: Sufficiency and Significance

Religious Institutions: Gratitude and Generosity

Faith & Everyday Leadership | albanroundtable

Our time together was spent examining a simple question: How does our religious faith impact the leadership roles each of us — and our neighbors, congregation members, and family members — play in our everyday lives? This is what we meant by “faith and everyday leadership.”

<https://albanroundtable.wordpress.com/2009/07/13/faith-everyday-leadership/>

Images for Faith & Everyday Leadership | albanroundtable

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

Faith in Daily Life | Guideposts

Your faith shines through everything you do in your daily life, from how you use the power of prayer to how you live the Bible to how you treat family, friends, and neighbors. Let the world see it shine!

<https://www.guideposts.org/faith-in-daily-life>

Images for Faith in Daily Life | Guideposts

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Jesus on the Job: How Faith Mixes with Work | Ed Stetzer

It is time for us to see all work as vital to the growth of the Kingdom of God. | Ed Stetzer

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Images for Jesus on the Job: How Faith Mixes with Work | Ed Stetzer

Listen! God Is Calling!: Luther Speaks of Vocation, Faith, and Work (Lutheran Voices) [D. Michael Bennethum]

The Christian faith has implications for all of life. Yet, many Christians do not make the connection between the resources of their faith and the challenges they face in daily life and work. God's call to faithful living is often understood primarily in terms of being involved in church-sponsored ministries. In Listen! God Is Calling! author D. Michael Bennethum presents Martin Luther's teaching on vocation as a resource both for individual believers, helping them find deeper meaning in their ordinary daily labors; and for congregations, encouraging them to develop a climate that supports their members at work.

<http://www.amazon.com/Listen-God-Is-Calling-Vocation/dp/0806649917>

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<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1451405529>

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Images for D. Michael Bennethum, author

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Images for Lutheran Voices

[PDF]Luther on Vocation MARC KOLDEN - Word & World

The popular view of Martin Luther's teaching about Christian is that it has to do with one's occupation. That is, when one is “called” to follow Christ one's occupation becomes the “calling” in which one serves God. This is not a completely wrong interpretation of Luther as much as it is one-side and incomplete. It may reflect the more general notion of vocation which has permeated much of western culture so that an occupation is referred to as one's vocation or calling without any reference at all to a call by God.

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=657

Images for Luther on Vocation MARC KOLDEN - Word & World

Presiding Bishop

Praise God for past, future

Work remains, but expectations growing for ELCA

Whenever I speak on the state of the ELCA, I ask those gathered to share where they were Thursday evening, where they will be on Monday morning, and the congregation where they worship. The answer to “What is the state of the ELCA?” is in how 4 million baptized members embody **God's baptismal call in daily life.**

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11664

Images for God's baptismal call in daily life

[PDF]Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All - ELCA Resource Repository

“Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All” is the ELCA social statement on economic life. The statement expresses ELCA teaching that economic activity is a means through which God's will is served for the thriving and wellbeing of humankind and the care of the earth. It recognizes that even though sin distorts human activity, we are called to practice economic activity justly and with special concern for those who live in poverty.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Economic_LifeSS.pdf

Images for Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All - ELCA Resource Repository

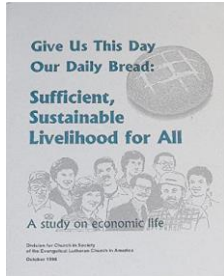
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<http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Economic-Life>

https://resources.elca.org/Social_Issues-Sufficient_Sustainable_Livelihood_for_All.html

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Economic matters powerfully affect the course of events in our world. The paradigms that have helped us understand and guide economic life is the past are changing significantly. Despite their pervasive effect on our lives and world, we often separate economic issues from how we live out our Christian faith. This study challenges such a tendency. The faith we confess has significant implications for the economic dimensions of our daily life and work. This study is based on central biblical and theological convictions. It also sets forth different perspectives and analyses of current issues and challenges in economic life. Rather than proposing specific positions on these issues and challenges, it invites you to interact with and respond to what is said. This study is intended to assist you in your struggle to discern and live faithfully amid these realities. It is also intended to help us as a church arrive at an eventual social statement on economic life.



<https://www.amazon.com/Give-this-day-daily-bread/dp/B0006QKIXM>

Images for Give us this day our daily bread: Sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all : a study on economic life by Karen L. Bloomquist (Author)

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning / Year C, 2016

Resources for Labor Day

Pages 211, 269

<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 Resources for Labor Day

10 Decisions You Can Make to Change the World | Sojourners

5. Seek to develop a **vocation** and not just a career. Discern your gifts as a child of God, not just your talents, and listen for your calling rather than just looking for opportunities. Remember that your personal good always relates to the common good.
6. Make choices by distinguishing between wants and needs. Choose what is enough, rather than what is possible to get. Replace appetites with values, teach your children the same, and model those values for all who are in your life.
7. Look at the business, company, or organization where you work from an ethical perspective. Ask what its **vocation** is, too. Challenge whatever is dishonest or exploitative and help your place of work do well by doing good.

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The Centered Life: Awakened, Called, Set Free, Nurtured [Jack Fortin]

Is there an alternative to a fragmented, frantic, meaningless life? Jack Fortin finds it in a life centered in God. Spiritual exercises, questions for reflection, and discussion in every chapter make this a timely and valuable resource for individuals and congregational study groups.

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The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life by Dwight L. DuBois (Author), Craig L. Nesson (Foreword)

Imagine being able to connect everything you do in life with God's dream of shalom. Imagine all God's people seeing their family responsibilities, work, and community involvement as ministry. Imagine congregations that equip and empower people for ministry-not just in the church, but in all they do. Imagine leaders and members finding a renewed sense of joy, purpose, and vitality as they give themselves away for the sake of the Gospel. Dwight DuBois not only imagines these life-giving outcomes in fresh and powerful ways, he shows readers how to create an environment that equips everyday saints to connect their faith with all of life. Based on the real life struggles of pastors and members, *The Scattering* lays bare our preoccupation with the health of the institution and offers powerful new language for the church as being both gathered and scattered. This language breaks down unhelpful stereotypes, and provides readers with hopeful and rewarding ways to interpret who we are and what we do as the church of Jesus Christ.

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[PDF] The Work of a Christian: Vocation in Lutheran Perspective - Word & World

Martin Luther's 1520 treatise "The Freedom of a Christian" is one of the clearest explications of Luther's view of the relationship between faith and work.

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What Good is Work? (Part I) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This week, I'm pleased to launch a three-week series on stewardship and work, by writer and theologian Jonathan Malesic.

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Where in the World Are You?: Connecting Faith & Daily Life (Alban Institute Publication) by Norma Cook Everist (Author), Nelvin Vos (Author)

Everist Vos challenge congregations to take a new look at and mission -- to see themselves as God's people in the world.

Explore exciting new understandings that come from starting with people in the world rather than with church structures.

Professors Everist (clergy, Wartburg Theological Seminary) and Vos (laity, Muhlenberg College) bring their insights to bear on how people's daily struggles, needs, and hopes can connect to God's mission through practical steps. These include spiritual growth and the challenge of mutual accountability. A reflections section helps readers discern God at work in their lives.

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Children's Message

I pointed to a banner in the back of the church in which the name of the congregation also had the phrase: "God's Work. Our Hands."
The banner was covered with hand prints.

Message

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Psalm Psalm 26:1

Gospel Matthew 16:26

A Psalm of David.

¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

[oremus Bible Browser: Psalm 26:1](#)

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Images for Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity

On discipleship

²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

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Introduction

What does it mean to walk with integrity and trust in the Lord in daily life?

What is most important in one's life?

Body

Sunday of Labor Day Weekend:

Resources

Concordia College

The purpose of Concordia College is to influence the affairs of the world by sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women dedicated to the Christian life.

<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/>

Images for sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women dedicated to the Christian life

Labor Day - Wikipedia

The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and *esprit de corps* of the trade and labor organizations",^[2] followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the Labor movement.^[2]

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Images for Labor Day

Vocation: Growing in Faith with the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

As members of the ELCA, we believe that we all have a calling, a vocation, to follow Christ's example, living a life of meaning and purpose in service to the common good. To work every day, in what we say and do, to share God's boundless love with the world.

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Resources

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Integrity - Wikipedia

Integrity is the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values.^{[1][2][3]} In **ethics**, integrity is regarded as the honesty and **truthfulness** or **accuracy** of one's actions. Integrity can stand in opposition to **hypocrisy**,^[4] in that judging with the standards of integrity involves regarding internal consistency as a virtue, and suggests that parties holding within themselves apparently conflicting values should account for the discrepancy or alter their beliefs. The word *integrity* evolved from the Latin adjective *integer*, meaning *whole* or *complete*.^[1] In this context, integrity is the inner sense of "wholeness" deriving from qualities such as **honesty** and consistency of **character**.^[6] As such, one may judge that others "have integrity" to the extent that they act according to the values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold.

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Images for integrity

Integrity comprises consistency of actions, values, methods, measures and principles. It may be seen as the quality of having a sense of honesty and truthfulness in regard to the motivations for one's actions.



It is better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be stupid and speak lies. ~ **Solomon**, Proverbs 19:1

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My father worked as a non-union carpenter for H&F Builders, now known as HCS, in Ames 1959-1993 full-time and 1993-2009 as a sub-contractor specializing in stair railings for a total of 50 years. My youngest brother took over his position in 1994 and has continued to this day. Father and son have worked for the company over the course of 60+ years. I started going on the job with him in 1968 and started on the framing crew in the summer of 1971. I worked summers through 1975 doing both framing and finish carpentry. My father had a saying on his refrigerator: "My boss is a Jewish carpenter."



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At first, I thought it was just a clever saying. Later, when he had that saying above his bed at the nursing home the last weeks of his life, I realized it was his statement of faith.

Jesus is Lord - Wikipedia

"Jesus is Lord" (Greek: *Kurios Iesous*) is the shortest [credal affirmation](#) found in the New Testament, one of several slightly more elaborate variations. (Kelly:13) It serves as a statement of faith for the majority of [Christians](#) who regard [Jesus](#) as both fully [man](#) and [God](#). It is the [motto](#) of the [World Council of Churches](#).

[Credal phrases in the New Testament](#) In [Pauline Christianity](#), J.N.D. Kelly points out creed-like slogans attributed to [Paul the Apostle](#) in Galatians, 2 Thessalonians, Romans and 1 Corinthians,^[8] though they never formed a fixed, standard creed.^[1] The most popular and briefest was "Jesus is Lord" found in [1 Corinthians 12:3](#); [Romans 10:9](#) and probably in the baptisms referred to in Acts 8:16; 19:5 and 1 Cor 6:11 since their being described as "in the name of the Lord Jesus" certainly seems to imply that "the formula 'Jesus is Lord' had a place in the rite".^[9] The phrase might be extended as "Jesus Christ is Lord" as in [Philippians 2:11](#).

In the early days, the similar formula "Jesus is the Christ" was found, but this faded into the background when its original Messianic significance was forgotten. Of more long-term significance was the affirmation "Jesus is the Son of God".^[10] These were expounded upon by passages such as [1 Corinthians 15:3-7](#) and [Romans 1:3-4](#) which describe Christ's work of salvation and the existence of witnesses to his resurrection^[11] and he goes on in the following pages to list another ten examples of passages which attach to the name of Jesus "selected incidents in the redemptive story".^[12]

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Things I learned from my dad in his life and work:

1. Jesus is the sure foundation. All buildings, no matter how well built, will eventually fall. Build on the sure and lasting foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord. (Matthew 16: ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?)
2. Strong work ethic. Give a full day's work for a full day's pay.
3. Any job worth doing is worth doing well. Good craftsmanship.
4. Respect for lines of responsibility and accountability.

Conclusion

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Wholly and holy different

Work matters for our faith

What Martin Luther says ...

Tips for starting a 'Meaningful Work Group'

They sleep on pews

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