



“Come, grow with us...”

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Evangel (good news!)

Bishop's Letter Regarding Congregational Gatherings and Covid-19

Dear Synod,

We are dealing with an ever increasing threat to our congregations, our country and world with the moving target that is the Coronavirus pandemic. You are to be thanked for your role in being informed and talking sense to one another about canceling worship services. It has become clear that the time has come to do our part as faithful members of the Body of Christ, to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19.

The Center for Disease Control along with our Governor's office has issued guidelines this past week-end and asked that all gatherings of 50 or more people be canceled or postponed for the next 8 weeks, as a starting point. If gatherings do take place, the organizers must insure that safeguards are in place to protect the vulnerable among us. The most important practices are hand hygiene and social distancing.

I am strongly encouraging all congregations to cease corporate worship for this extended period of time. I do not have the authority to cancel worship services. The decision must be made by the local pastor and church council. But it is my recommendation. Many of you are talking creatively about ways to pray, worship, do online Bible studies, and care for one another both inside and outside of your congregations. Thank you for this kind of head and heart thinking and serving with sensible social distance.

The spread of COVID-19 changes daily. Information about it changes daily too. I intend to be in regular communication with leaders in our synod who will share ideas, practices and decisions about the days ahead, including our Synod Assembly, slated for May 1-3. Now is a time to find renewed appreciation for what we take for granted in our weekly worship and work cooperatively with others to share live stream, written resources and video sermons. Keep watching our Northeastern Minnesota FaceBook, our Website and our weekly "onlines."

In Christ's peace

Bishop Tom Aitken



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

KRAZY QUILTERS UPDATE

The Krazy Quilters are not meeting while we are all staying in our homes and limiting contact with others but that is not stopping them from reaching their goal of 75 quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief this year! The Krazy Quilters are working at home making CDC approved face masks to be donated to local hospitals. If you would like to help by making masks please contact the church office.

E-Giving Instructions

We have new technology! No more having to write checks and put them in envelopes. You can automate your giving online and decide to make your amount recurring or give a unique amount for a special occasion.

Go to the church website at www.BabbittELCA.org or the BELC Face Book page and click on the online giving icon



You will need your email address to use online giving. You will be able to select the donation payment source: checking account, savings account, or credit/debit card. After first Creating Profile (account) you can log in and manage it (change amount, frequency, dates, source).

Using one of the two methods given above, online giving information will appear.

Select



Add Donation (Login/Create Profile)

*Enter information on amount, payment source, starting and ending dates.

*Based on the payment source you chose, you will be asked to enter the necessary information

to create your account.

***To use your savings or checking account you will need the routing and account numbers.

VANCO charges a transaction fee but the full amount of your donation will be posted as your offering.

Council member wanted

The church council is looking for anyone who is willing to fill the open council seat. It is a three year term. The council meets once a month and helps to direct the church in Stewardship, Property, Music & Worship, Community Outreach and Christian Education. If you are interested please contact Roxanne Sader at 827-2414.

Cancellations:

- WELCA Spring Gathering**
- WELCA Spring Tea**
- Confirmation Classes**
- WELCA Executive Board**
- WELCA Circle & Altar Guild**

Online Sermons

Here are several sources for online sermons:

Elim Lutheran—Elimlc.com Pastor Jim Hagan preaching

Gloria Dei—gloriadeduluthmn.org

Zion Lutheran Superior, WI—zionsuperior.org

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—lgsduluth.org

Grace Lutheran of Hermantown—gracehermantown.org

HAND WASHING



The CDC recommends frequent hand washing to help stop the spread of germs. Their guideline says to wash with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.

No clock nearby? Just sing “This Little Light of Mine” once and you have met or exceeded the CDC guideline for hand washing AND you will have that cute song stuck in your head for the rest of the day!

CHURCH UPDATE

While we are not able to gather for worship and fellowship here are the things we are doing to keep our members updated and connected:

- The church office will be open during the posted office hours, Tue, Wed & Fri 10a-1:30p
- The Evangel will be published and mailed or emailed on a bi-weekly schedule.
- The Evangel will include an abbreviated bulletin for the Sundays and Holy Days for the period the newsletter covers.
- Offerings will be counted every other week beginning on March 31.
- A phone call to a friend can be uplifting for both; a call chain is being organized.
- Please call or email the church office to make prayer chain requests.
- Submissions for the April 10th Evangel are due by Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Prayer List

If you have updates for anyone on this list please call the church office

at 218-827-2659

- Mary Ann & family
- David Erickson
- B.T. Talamante
- Lydia, Drew and family
- Darrel Johnson
- Judy Johnson
- LuAnn Carlson
- Jay Sweet
- Tony Zieska
- Marlene Akkanen
- David Lindgren
- Ben Marks
- Bryan McDonald
- Jim Herberg

If we do not have a contact name or if no indication was made for how long to pray for someone, our practice is to remove names after 3 weeks on the Prayer List.



While the church is closed...

Church expenses continue so please continue your regular offerings. While our state is under a Stay at Home order to reduce unnecessary travel, we advise that you mail your offering. Offerings will be counted every other week beginning on Tuesday, March 31st.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Confirmation Service

Opportunities

Grounds maintenance—Sign up in the narthex for a week or two and earn service hours. Church may be cancelled but the grass will continue to grow! One of the experienced members will show you what needs to be done.



“Mommy I’m Bored” and “There’s Nothing to Do”

Remember those words? Most of us don’t have small children around anymore but boredom can still set in! Here are some suggestions:

- List the things you are thankful for.
- Using a smart phone, send emoji to family members.
- Dust the furniture while dancing to the radio.
- Look through an old picture album
- Start a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle
- Bring a “picnic in the car” and drive along a scenic road
- On a sunny day, sit by a window with your eyes closed and the sun on your face.
- Call a friend, family, or church member.
- Pray for those who must remain in harms way.
- Write a letter—the pen and paper kind.
- Read a book, the Bible is a good place to start.
- Work on those sewing, knitting, crocheting or other craft projects you haven't had time for.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 15

6:30PM

Penny Collection

Thank you to all who gave pennies. Our offering to United for Veterans totaled \$113.83. Our 2021 charity has not been chosen yet, but you can still collect your pocket change and donate when we are able to meet at church again!



2020 BELC Summer Day Camp

July 6, 7 & 8, 9am-12pm

2020 BUDGET

2020 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru Mar 15)

2020 Adopted Annual Budget	\$ 97,970
2020 Monthly Budget	\$ 8,164
2020 Budget thru February	\$ 16,328
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Current Expense Offering YTD	\$ 17,176
Mission Support Offering YTD	\$ 590
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$ 17,766

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

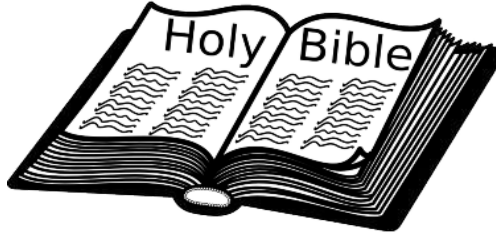
Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

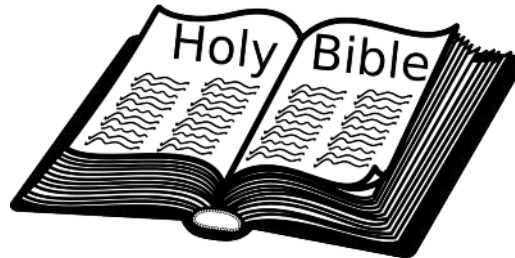
Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14--27:66



Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth (*especially*), let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020

Prayer of the Day

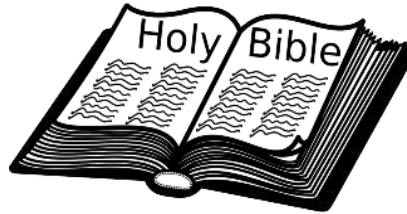
Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Prayer of the Day

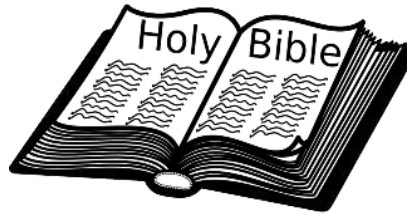
Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Psalm: Psalm 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: John 18:1--19:42



Prayers of Intercession

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our bishops, for our pastor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020**

President Roxanne Sader called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Roxanne Sader, Mary Muellerleile, Allan Eckman, Nancy Mettler, Jo Langan

Absent: Shanna Sundblad

Roxanne Sader opened the meeting with prayer.

A letter from the All-School Reunion Committee was added to the new business.

Motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Jo Langan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

With no discussion, motion by Mary Muellerleile, second by Allan Eckman to approve the February 2020 secretary's minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Jo Langan, second by Allan Eckman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business

Replacing locks remains in progress.

The website for E-giving is now available for use and continues to be used via credit card. Detailed information on how to create an account will be available in the April Evangel. The process is not difficult. There is a small transaction fee charged by Vanco Payment Solutions, the corporation contracted with ELCA to process all E-giving. Members using E-giving will be credited for the full amount of their offerings for their tax records.

Withholding from the musician's salary was resolved.

New Business

The unfilled seventh position on the council was discussed. An article will be placed in the April Evangel requesting interested volunteers to contact Roxanne Sader or the church office (827-2659).

Pulpit Supply concerns were discussed and resolved.

An update on an interim selection was given. The council continues to work with the Synod.

The letter from the All-School Reunion Committee to be held July 31 – August 1 was read. Churches in the Babbitt area are being contacted regarding interest in having a fund raiser for their church during the reunion.

Committee Reports

Property: none

Worship and Music: all Wednesday Lenten Services, as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services are set; Pastor Dorothy Sand is leading all of these services; Hope is responsible for securing pulpit supply for April and May

Stewardship and Finance: none

Youth and Education: VBS 2020 will be held July 6-8 from 9am -12pm

Outreach/Communication/Social Ministry: none

The next council meeting: Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm

Offering and Communion Assistant for April were assigned: Mary and Jo - Holy Week; Roxanne - Easter; Mary – April 26

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm with motion to adjourn by Mary Muellerleile and second by Jo Langan. Motion carried.

Together the council prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Langan






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2020						
5 Palm Sunday No Worship Service Scheduled	6 	7	8 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	9 Maundy Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	10 Good Friday 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	11
12 Easter Sunday No Worship Service Scheduled	13 	14	15 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours 6:30 PM Council Meeting	16 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	17 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	18
19 Second Sunday of Easter No Worship Service Scheduled	20	21 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	22 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	23	24 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	25
26 Third Sunday of Easter No Worship Service Scheduled	27	28 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	29 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Church Office Hours	30		

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