



# Church in Society

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### *October Domestic Violence Awareness Month Worship Resources*

Provided by ELCA Justice for Women Program

#### Readings

- 1 John 4: 16-19: *Whoever loves abides with God*
- Micah 6:6-8: *What God Requires*
- Psalm 55:1-8, 12-14, 16-22: *Betrayed by a friend*
- Luke 10:25-37: *The Good Samaritan*

#### Hymns (All selections from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*)

- 576 *We All Are One in Mission*
- 712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*
- 720 *We Are Called*
- 726 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*
- 815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#### Prayers

- Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives, partners and spouses, to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*ELW* p. 83)
- Look with mercy, gracious God, upon people everywhere who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Rouse us from our complacency and help us to eliminate cruelty wherever it is found. Strengthen those who seek equality for all. Grant that everyone may enjoy a fair portion of the abundance of their earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW* p. 79)
- God of liberation, you see works of violence and weep. Relieve the suffering of all who *are experiencing/have survived* abuse or violence. Grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others; help us to bring offenders to justice; keep us safe from weapons of hate; and restore us to tranquility and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.  
(Adapted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pastoral Care*, page 383)

#### ELCA documents for study and guidance

- ELCA Social Policy Action "Violence Against Women" passed by churchwide assembly in 1995. Available at <http://archive.elca.org/socialpolicyresolutions/resolution.asp?id=44&ref=hys>.
- ELCA Message, "Community Violence," approved and adopted in 1994. Available at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Messages/Community-Violence.aspx>.