

29 Fourth Sunday of Easter

O Lord Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one, especially with the people of Eritrea and Ethiopia, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

30 Pray for all of us as we strive to answer our baptismal call for justice and peace in all the earth.

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PRAYER VENTURES

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These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Palm/Passion Sunday

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ as today we pray especially for your saints in Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore. Preserve your people until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

2 On this World Autism Awareness Day (recognized by the United Nations), give thanks for the unique perspective of people on the autism spectrum. Pray for increasing autism awareness in our communities and support for those who care for people living with autism.

3 Pray for Pastor Jeffrey Truscott who serves as an ELCA missionary in Singapore.

4 Pray for the ministries of ELCA Disaster Response including the gearing up for a response to the March 2012 tornados in the central United States.

5 Pray for Pastor Phillip Baker who serves as an ELCA missionary in Malaysia.

6 Pray for Christians who petition government to fund poverty-focused programs that provide food assistance, affordable housing, health services, job training and educational opportunities as we walk alongside people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

7 On this World Health Day (recognized by the United Nations), give thanks for the advancements in public health throughout the world and pray that all may have access to adequate health care.

8 Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection. Grant new life and hope in Christ for the people of East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 Pray for Pastors Bradn and Natasha Buerkle who serve as ELCA missionaries in St. Petersburg, Russia.

10 Pray for all who attend the South Dakota Spring Rostered Leader event April 10-12 at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown, S.D.

11 Pray for all who participate in the election process in the United States as we consider leaders who will serve our communities, states and country.

12 Pray for Pastor Sam and Cindy Wolff who serve as ELCA missionaries in Nairobi, Kenya.

13 Pray for the people of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod who meet in assembly in Tulsa, Okla., April 13-15.

14 Pray for the ELCA Church Council who meet at the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Ill., April 13-16.

15 Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do especially in Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

16 Pray for the renewal of the earth, a new understanding of what it means to be stewards of God's creation, and a future of abundance, hope and life.

17 Pray for the staff of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod who meet every Tuesday morning.

18 Pray for Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, Dana Dutcher and Christine Eige, ELCA missionaries who teach English as a second language in Japan.

19 Pray for the executive board of the Women of the ELCA who meet in Chicago, Ill., April 19-22.

20 Pray for Pastor Eric Anspach-Hanson and Christie Hanson, and Pastor Nathan and Sharonette Bowman who work in parish ministry as ELCA missionaries in Japan.

21 Pray for the people of the Eastern North Dakota Synod who meet in assembly in Fargo, N.D., April 21-22.

22 Third Sunday of Easter

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill the people of Djibouti and Somalia with your words of life that we all may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

23 Pray for all areas in Africa that are torn apart by violence, famine and corrupt leadership. Pray that just and wise leaders rise up to stand with all who suffer from injustice and who live in fear.

24 Pray for Pastor Brian and Christine Palmer who serve as ELCA missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia.

25 On this World Malaria Day (recognized by the United Nations), pray for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, which strives to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease.

26 Pray for the people of the Alaska and Rocky Mountain Synods as they meet in assembly this weekend and each elect a bishop.

27 Pray for the people of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Western Iowa, Eastern Washington-Idaho, Northeastern Minnesota, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana and Oregon Synods as they meet in assembly this weekend. Pray especially for the bishop's election in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod.

28 Pray for Megan Ross who serves as an English teacher at the Huria Kristen Batak Protestan Deaconess School in Balige, North Sumatra. As a deaconess, her walk with other women committing their lives to faith and service in Christ is an inspiration to those with whom she works.