



Each Day

One of the following prayers or another prayer might be prayed for this church on each of the 50 days leading up to the assembly, beginning on June 29, 2009:

O God, you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us the light of the Holy Spirit. Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the light of that Spirit, that we might have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
(Adapted from ELW Occasional Services for the Assembly, Opening of an Assembly.)

Or

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

Or

Almighty God, grant to your Church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name may abide to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Lutheran Book of Worship)

Each Week

During the week, individually or in groups, take time to read the assigned scriptures that will form the daily lectionary at the Churchwide Assembly. Spend some time in reflection. Consider the listed questions specific to each of the weekly readings. You might also ask general questions such as the following as you reflect on all these texts:

- What is God up to in these texts, how do they show forth Christ? What do they say about God, us, and our world?
- How do these texts send us and equip our witness?
- As I hear these texts, what would I be concerned about or what person or situation might I see differently than I do now?

Conclude with the prayer listed for that week, which will also be used at the assembly, or another prayer. If you are in a group, consider singing the reflection hymn or another song together.



Week of July 5

(Reflecting on readings and prayer for Tuesday, August 18)

Word

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

Luke 4:16-21

- What does it mean for you and your life, as well as for the life of this church corporately, to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God? What are the challenges in this?
- After reading from the scroll, Jesus declares that the word of God has been fulfilled in its hearing. Where do you see the fulfillment of this word of God living and active in your life, the ELCA and the world?

Prayer

Blessed Lord God,
you have caused the holy scriptures
to be written for the nourishment of your people.
Grant that we may hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that, comforted by your promises,
we may embrace and forever hold fast
to the hope of eternal life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reflection Hymn

We Are Called (ELW 720) will be sung by the Churchwide Assembly. You might also sing Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841) or Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW 697).